

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing
7 March

Monday:

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)
Makers Club
Maths & code-breaking Club
Girls' rugby
Parkour & Trampoline (Y10 & Y11)
Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)
'Oliver' rehearsals

Wednesday:

Orchestra
Latin (Y11)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)
Boys' football (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
Girls' football
Handball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Jazz & Commercial dance
NewPals for Nepal

Thursday:

Hip-hop/Street dance
Fencing
Art Club
Community Problem Solving Club
Warhammer & Sci-fi/Fantasy Board Gaming
Chess Club
Boys' football (Y10 & Y11)
Badminton & Table tennis (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Hockey
Model United Nations

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Acting Headteacher

Offers Day

The anxious wait for prospective parents came to an end on Tuesday with the announcement of secondary school offers. It's the first step towards welcoming in our new cohort of Year 7s, and the transition work starts here. There is a subtext to this year's offers, insofar as there is a substantial increase in demand for places within our admissions area, both as a result of population increase and improved confidence in the schools in the city. In order to help meet demand from families living in the area which Bristol Free School already serves, we have offered 40 additional places for Year 7 students to start in September 2016. This will complement the opening of a sixth form at the School in September which marks an exciting time in the development for the School.

Esteemed Guests

We were delighted to welcome in Tony Bloxham and Guy Atkinson, from the Department for Education and the Regional Schools Commission respectively. They were keen to find out more about how things are going, particularly in the run up to our first batch of external exams, and to meet our students and staff. Full details of the visit will be included in next week's newsletter.

World Book Day

If you've ever woken from a slightly disturbing dream to begin your day, rolling sleepily into the nine-to-five, only to find you hadn't actually awoken at all and were still locked in a crepuscular dream state, then this is a bit what it was like on arrival at school on Thursday. Wizenid caterpillars, giant teddy bears, enormous peaches, the eye of Mordor, dinosaurs, Gandalfs and hundreds of striped and bespectacled Wallys roamed the buildings and playground.

We don't do things by halves at BFS, and World Book Day is a reliable reminder of this. It seemed as though everyone bar the visiting interviewees had come in character, with Science being the pick of the bunch, a terrifying representation of the prehistoric darkness of Jurassic Park, with Miss Smith a hatchling velociraptor, Mr Mabey a double helix of DNA, Miss Board a fossilised fly in amber crawling out of the primordial soup and Mr Lewis as the avuncular but demented Richard Attenborough. As ever, BFS does it better than anywhere else.

Paul Jones



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Flying Start Regional Final

Fifteen students in four teams have been working with engineers from MBDA to learn the theories of aeronautical engineering in order to design and fly gliders. Their hard work culminated in a visit to the Brabazon Hangar at Airbus Filton for the regional finals of this national competition. During the day the teams were put to the test through a series of challenges including a technical quiz, a presentation of their project in front of a panel of engineers (including intensive Q&A) and, of course, the glider fly-off. The students also had an exclusive guided tour of many of the exhibits which will feature in the forthcoming Concorde Museum.

All our student are to be congratulated on their efforts. Two of the teams have been invited to the Grand Final later this month. Follow their journey on twitter @BFS_DT.



Year 11 Update

On Wednesday evening Mrs Jenkins hosted a revision and support evening for Year 11 parents and students. The powerpoint is on the website. One important new development is our use of GCSE Pod, a fantastic online revision tool. There is [a link on the school VLE](#) and students should know how to log in and can start streaming specific 'pods' straightaway!

Term 4 – Key Dates	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	
March	
Monday 7	Routes into Languages competition in Swindon
Tuesday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U12,13,14 & 16 boys' football vs Clifton High (home at Coombe) Y8 & Y9 girls' hockey vs Ashton Park (away)
Wednesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flying Start Challenge grand final at Fleet Air Arm Museum 8.00 – 4.30 Dress rehearsal for 'Oliver!', 3.15 – 5.00 Y7, Y8 & Y9 girls' basketball vs Oasis Brightstowe (away) 9TG6 tutor group trip to Laser Quest
Thursday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical and dress rehearsal for 'Oliver!' at Newman Hall (all day) Evening performance of 'Oliver!' Y8 & Y9 girls' hockey vs Redland Green School (away) U16 boys' handball vs Orchard School (away) U15 boys' football vs St Bernadettes, home Y7, Y8 & Y9 girls' rugby festival, 11.30 – 3.30
Friday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Academy at SCS college, 1.00 – 4.00 Evening performance of 'Oliver!'
Saturday 12	MUN conference at Queen's College, Taunton, all day
Tuesday 15	Y7, Y8 & Y9 girls' hockey vs Colston's Girls' (away)
Wednesday 16	6 th form update meeting
Thursday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group Bushcraft activity trip, 8.40 – 12.10 U14 boys' hockey vs Katharine Lady Berkeley's School (away) U16 girls' handball vs Orchard School (away)
Friday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group of Y7 at IET Faraday Day, 8.30 – 3.30 Sport Relief
Monday 21	Small group of Y9 at University of Bristol Maths Workshop
Tuesday 22	Y10 GCSE Drama performance evening, 6.00 – 7.45
Wednesday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM day Small group of Y10 at Maths Feast, 8.15 – 12.45
Thursday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 Battlefields trip departs End of term 4: 3.00

Match Results		
Fixture	Score	Player of the match
U14 girls' football: Oasis Brightstowe vs BFS	0:12	Holly Freke (Players' player)
U16 girls' football: Oasis Brightstowe vs BFS	2:1	Martha Haines (Players player)