



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 10 October

Monday

KS4 Fitness
Classics
Fencing

Tuesday

Latin GCSE year 2
Boys' rugby (Year 7)
Girl's football (Y9, 10 & 11)
Boys' basketball (Y8 & 9)
Textiles Club (Y7 & 8)
Photography Club
Geography of Food Club
School Musical
Italian Club
Science Club
Model United Nations
Year 10 Young Enterprise

Wednesday

Latin GSCE year 1
Boys' basketball (Y10 & 11)
Boys' rugby (Y8 & 9)
Girl's netball (Y7 & 8)
Orchestra
Folk Band
Outdoor Club
Commercial Dance
Macbeth Rehearsals
French Film Club
Year 12 young Enterprise

Thursday

Boys' rugby (Y10 & 11)
Boys' basketball (Y7)
Cross Country (All Years)
Girls' netball (Y9, 10 & 11)
Street and Hiphop Dance
Jazz Band
HJunior Jazz Band
Dressmaking (Y9 & 10)
Craft Club
Warhammer School Alliance

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

The weather this week has been beautiful, with crystalline blue skies and clear, dark nights. In short perfect weather for the annual Year 7 trip to Barton Camp. Students have returned in waves, tired and exhilarated by the activities on offer as they trek, run and climb their way around the Mendips. The talent show remains a popular event for each group, with Dr Cooper's succinct dissection of each performance being a part of the ritual. Well done to all students on their exemplary behaviour; showing the values we expect from the very beginning.

Our Year 11s have been fully committed to our period 7 and tutor group academic programmes. They are turning up in droves and working very hard: these two actions will go a very long way towards ensuring exam success. I suspect the prospect of "detention in perpetuity" has had an empowering effect. Nevertheless, we shall be constructing an oubliette should any students choose the wrong path. In the meantime, praise is due for their positive attitude, diligence and efforts. I am impressed.

Outside of school, a number of students participate in sports, often at a representative level. A select few have reached a high standard, with club and even county selection. Over the past year Daniella Lloyd has been achieving success at a rate of knots in the discipline of synchronised swimming. Daniella has represented the City of Bristol, South West and Southern England, winning gold medals in the Olympic Pool in London. Taking things a step further, she achieved England selection and won a gold medal at the National Championships. As if this wasn't enough, Daniella took part in the European Championships (for adults, no less), and the Hungarian Open in Budapest against the USA, Germany, Austria, Italy, Poland and Slovakia, winning the silver medal in the team and placing 2nd for her solo routine.

This September, Daniella was selected for the Great Britain junior team and she will be swimming at the Junior European Championships in Belgrade. I'm sure you'll agree that these are phenomenal achievements that have come about because of Daniella's steadfast determination and dedication. We look forward to finding out more! Well done Daniella!

Fixture of the Week

Back on terra firma, our Year 8 boys took on Cotham, Henbury, Oasis and St Bede's in a round robin rugby tournament this week. It was a 13-a-side, 15 minute festival of fast and furious running. The pace and energy of the team was too much for the opposition at all levels and they ran up cricket scores against Cotham and Henbury. Only St Bede's posed any questions at all, sneaking back into the game with a last minute try, but it was not enough to deny our fledgling colts outfit the tournament title. Isfahan Kumar took up residence on the wing, a blur of speed and colour, whilst Theo Beavon ran the defence, marshalling the troops and repelling any attacks with consummate ease. Paddy Pearce played with passion and precision, taking teams apart with controlled aggression. Jake Fairham took up the fight as the midfield enforcer; robbing the ball from opposition players in larcenous fashion. Well done to all!





FoBFS AGM

This week!
Wine & nibbles provided.
All welcome.

Hiring Now

We are still recruiting for Exam Invigilators to support our students during their exams. More information can be found on our website. Closing date 17 October.

Consent forms

If you haven't already done so, please send the generic consent form back in to reception. We have lots of exciting trips coming up and your child unfortunately will be unable to attend if we don't have the form.

Exciting Sixth Form Start

After the first few exciting weeks of the new Sixth Form building being open new clubs, new friendships and new ideas are already being made. The Sixth Form is on a real high. The new Sixth Form handball team set up by the students has fixtures against other local schools on the horizon, Access to Bristol have been in launching their new scheme to students helping BFS Sixth Formers get conditional university places, as well as the start of Model United Nations, and Young Enterprise, to name just a few of the things we have been up to.

We have Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 10th November from 7pm and we welcome all BFS students to come and see the wide range of subjects the Sixth Form can offer, meet the students and explore the new building. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Walker



Year 10 Spanish Exchange to Sunny Spain

This academic year MFL is organising a student exchange to Figueres near Barcelona exclusively for Year 10 students. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain insight into a *real* Spanish school and family. Students will be fully immersed in Spanish culture and language which will undoubtedly help to prepare them for their GCSE. Your son/daughter will stay with a Spanish host family for the duration of the trip. Students who are interested should come to the MFL office to speak with Miss DiMartino for more information. Families must be willing to host a Spanish student. Closing date 14th October.

Year 7 Activity Evenings

Our two Year 7 Activity Evenings proved a great success again this year with students pitted against their parents in activities that ranged from a quiz to team games; from portraiture to cheer leading. This provided an excellent opportunity for parents and tutors to meet in an informal setting and enjoy seeing their children settled, happy and confident at their new school.

The FoBFS provided a delicious barbeque and some much needed Dutch courage for parents before they partook in the activities. I would like to thank all those parents, students and staff who attended for once again showcasing the enthusiasm and spirit of Bristol Free School and cementing its role in the local community.

Miss Nowak

| Key dates for next week | |
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| Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates | |
| Monday | Barton Camp 3 |
| Tuesday | Barton Camp 3 |
| Wednesday | Barton Camp 3 FoBFS AGM 8pm 6th Form block. |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | Macbeth cast workshop at Tobacco Factory University Open Afternoon at M Shed (Y12) |

