



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 31 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)
Dressmaking (Y9 & 10)
Photography Club
Geography of Food Club
School Musical
Italian Club
Science Club
Model United Nations
Year 10 Young Enterprise
Grok Quest Challenge

Wednesday

Latin GCSE 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)
Textiles Club (Y7 & 8)
Street and Hiphop Dance
Jazz Band
HJunior Jazz Band
Craft Club
Warhammer School Alliance
Flying Start Challenge

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

I feel as though the first term of the new year can be interpreted as a representation of the way that our 'lived' time seems to accelerate when there are lots of things happening. The seconds of the clock slip by in the same atomic increments, but our sense and experience of time seems somehow elastic. At this rate, the exams will be upon us in mere moments. Year 7 have settled in and been to Barton Camp and done exciting things, parents have been in and thrown themselves into our activities evening, we've had a Year 10 and a Year 11 curriculum evening and now a Year 7 transition evening, Year 11 have acquired new working habits and strategies, the Sixth Form has opened and we've taken possession of some of a brand new building. In terms of atomic time, it's been eight weeks. In terms of lived experience, it feels like eight minutes.

Next term's headline events are the Year 9 Guided Choices process, Enterprise Day and the Year 11 Mocks. We also have our Sixth Form Open Evening on November 10, our first one with dedicated teaching spaces and real-life Sixth Form students. It promises to be another milestone in the life of the school.

Belated congratulations to two of our members of staff, Miss Smith and Mrs (and Mr) Sillince, with the arrival of babies Alexa and Grace. Our army of committed knitters are stitching and purling furiously and the BFS knitwear 'bank' (beautiful hand-knits are handed on from child to child) has come in very useful. Mrs Cornell is the lead creator of psychedelic and complex knits.

Paul Jones

Fixture of the Week: "The fields just kept on coming".

This week's fixture took the form of the claggy mudfest that is cross-country; with 26 students from across the year groups taking part in the Bristol Schools Cross Country competition at Oasis Brightstowe. The rain held off and a few milky bars of sunlight cast a stippled glow on the mud-soaked shirts of the intrepid athletes. The track was an undulating ribbon of mud; complemented by an additional hazard: the stinging-nettle pit of doom.

Connor Haynes in Year 7 was first home, placing 10th in his age group, with Maddie Birse finishing a commendable 7th. Laurence Chandler and James Hayman Guyatt battled it out for 8th and 9th place respectively with Evie Thompson securing a top 20 placing. Intermediate girls were the last to compete with Corinne Thompson and Hannah Warren pacing off each other to finish inside the top 20 and Ellie Haines battling on despite an injury.



Macbeth

On Monday 21 November BFS will be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival; our 30 minute abridged performance of Macbeth will be performed at the Tobacco Factory theatre to a paying audience, as part of an annual national celebration of the Bard. Students have been working hard on the production, which promises to be slick, stylised and deliciously grotesque!

Tickets have sold out for the Tobacco Factory performance, but watch this space for an announcement regarding an in-school performance...

Movie Night

NewPals for Nepal are holding a Halloween themed movie night on Tuesday the 1st November in the drama hall after school. The film is Coraline. Suggested donation of £1. We will be selling petrified popcorn and spooky sweets along with squeamish squash.

This is all to help us fund for a new teacher for our partner school in Singdi village. This is being done as a social enterprise by funding the startup of a cardamom farm which the school will own and run with all profits helping then to fund a teacher themselves.

Student Librarian vacancies

The LRC are currently looking to recruit Student Librarians. The position involves managing the stock, dealing with student enquiries, and helping to maintain and design the displays. This would be a perfect volunteering opportunity for anybody completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The successful candidate will be polite, punctual, reliable, and most importantly have a passion for books and reading.

Please contact a Librarian for an application form. *Closing Date Friday 4 November 2016.*

Latecomers

From the start of Term 2, students arriving more than 15 minutes late to School will be given hour long detentions after School on the same day as the lateness occurs.

Key dates for next week

Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates

Monday 31 October	
Tuesday 1 November	
Wednesday 2 November	
Thursday 3 November	Finance and Buildings Governors Meeting Staffing and Development Governors Meeting
Friday 4 November	Y7 Poetry Performance, Drama Hall, 3:15pm start (arrive 3pm)

Young Chef 2016

Tuesday 17th October saw the start of The Young Chef 2016 competition here at Bristol Free School. Ten up and coming young chefs fought it out for the two places in the main competition, cooking a main course of their choice. A range of culinary delights were prepared including bacon wrapped chicken Kiev with sweet potato fries, Sashimi, Mexican tortillas, oven baked salmon and even Chinese inspired delicacies. The final decision was tough and all deserved a place in the main competition but only two could be taken through. A decision was made, and after much deliberation, it was Charlotte Lane and Lex Parry who took the title!

Mr Dayment thanks all those that took part. The quality of the food produced by all was outstanding and something certainly to be proud of.



Useful link

With half term next week, please see the below link from the BBC with useful guidance on safe use of the internet www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/stay-safe

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