



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 6 February

Monday

KS4 Fitness
Classics Club

Tuesday

Latin GCSE Year 2
Year 9 and 10 Parkour
All years Girls' football
Trampoline
Textiles Club (Y9&10)
Photography Club
Geography of Food Club
School Musical
Italian Club
Science Club
Flying Start Challenge
Model United Nations
Year 10 Young Enterprise
D of E Drop-In

Wednesday

Latin GSCE year 1
Girls' basketball (Y10 & Y11)
Y7, 8 & 9 Boys' Football
Orchestra
Folk Band
Geography of Food Club
Outdoor Club
Commercial Dance
A Level & GCSE Drama Rehearsals
Year 12 Young Enterprise
French Film Club
Warhammer School Alliance

Thursday

NO CLUBS—Year 9 Choices Evening

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

<preface> It's been a busy week <\preface>

Amongst the thousands of things (literally) achieved by young people that are worth celebrating this week a few spring to mind. Charlotte Lane achieved culinary perfection at the district final of the Young Chef of the year competition. When I did my food and nutrition GCSE I served up a sausage risotto, or at least that what the pile of brown stodgy rice and burnt chipolatas was supposed to be. The garnish of an apologetic sprig of limp and liquifying parsley really made the difference. My teacher, Mrs Sharman, smiled politely. Things have moved on since then. Charlotte wowed the assembled judges with a three-course meal of stunning ambition. The smoked salmon tartlets would not have been out of place at one of Jay Gatsby's parties, nestling "against salads of harlequin designs", and proved more than enough to earn the title of Chef of the Year. Charlotte advances onwards to the regional finals where we wish her the best of luck, and stand at the side ready to help with any leftovers.

On Thursday Evening the Year 10s put on their first solo Music Performance evening. Bravery is a tricky concept to define; but getting up in front of your peers and parents to sing alone certainly fits the bill. I was gobsmacked by the level of performance, and the enormous amounts of hard work that go into every performance. The songs were carefully chosen and beautifully pitched; the musical pieces were played with subtlety. It's also worth mentioning the words of one parent who attended the Year 11 evening last week in relation to Mr Pate, the lifeblood and driving force of everything musical in the school; "when you see him in action it is obvious why he is so well respected and popular." It gets to the core of what this whole thing is about; an amazing education is the product of a beautiful symbiosis between teachers teaching and students learning. It's alchemy, and the results are profound. Well done everyone.

Paul Jones



Nepal Trip Applications

The deadline for applications for the Nepal trip in 2018 is 9 February. The trip is open to Year 11 and Year 12 students that will be attending Sixth Form from September 2017. Any extra info needed parents or application forms can contact Mr Mitchell: r.mitchell@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Applications can be done online: www.true-adventure.co.uk
School Expedition ID: BFREE2018

Cycle Training

Life Cycle UK are running Bikeability level 2 & 3 courses during the February schools break – more information can be found on their website:

<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course>



Brunel Buskathon—a message from Southmead Hospital

Thank you so much to Dynamics Choir at Bristol Free School for taking part in The Great Brunel Buskathon this year, entertaining our patients, staff and visitors. Thanks to your brilliant performance in the hospital as part of The Great Brunel Buskathon - Christmas Special, we were able to raise a fantastic **£8669.64** across the Buskathon period, in support of our Christmas Appeal.

This meant we were able to purchase a present for every patient in the hospital on Christmas Day, including babies in our maternity unit and we were able to thank staff across the hospital for the brilliant work they do all year round. Please pass on a massive thank you to all the students who sang for us. *Southmead Hospital.*

Bullying

Whilst we have an excellent track record of dealing with bullying swiftly and effectively, but we are all too aware that bullying remains a real and significant concern for some of our young people. We of course encourage parents to contact us immediately with any concerns about bullying, but would also like to signpost 'kidscape'. An incredibly useful bullying resource for parents.

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers/?gclid=CKfnwc-pi9ECFcLGGwodq2gKag>

| Key dates for next week | |
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| Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates | |
| Monday 6 February | Sixth Form RAG Week—all week |
| Tuesday 7 February | |
| Wednesday 8 February | Sixth Form Interviews Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony, 7pm, Drama Hall Spanish Exchange Information Evening, 6pm, Sixth Form |
| Thursday 9 February | Holocaust Memorial Day Year 9 Choices Evening, 6pm |
| Friday 10 February | |

Young Chef of the Year

Saturday saw the District's round of the Young Chef Competition, hosted by St Katherine's School with fantastic catering facilities on offer. The broad range of culinary skills was impressive to watch and the enthusiasm of the competitors was fantastic. The standards were high and our competitor Charlotte Lane of Year 7 cooked an impressive table of food including smoked salmon tartlets and a beautiful poached pear. Charlotte was triumphant and deservedly won first place. She will now compete in the regional final, well done Charlotte! *Mr Dayment.*



Young Carers Bake Sale

On Thursday, the Young Carers group held their Bake sale. They made £43.80 for the Carers Support Centre and raised awareness of what it is to be a Young Carer. They are already making plans for their next event. Watch this space!

