



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 12 June 2017

Monday

KS4 Fitness
Classics Club
Philosophy Club

Tuesday

Latin GCSE Year 2
Boys Cricket (Years 7&8)
Girls Rounders (Years 7&8)
Textiles: Year 10 Open Workshop
Italian Club
Science Club
Flying Start Challenge
Year 10 Young Enterprise
Art Club
Photography Club (Year 12)
Music Tech/Production Club

Wednesday

Latin GCSE Year 1
Athletics
Orchestra
Folk Band
Outdoor Club
Warhammer School Alliance
Commercial Dance
Shakespeare Production
Year 12 Young Enterprise

Thursday

Boys Cricket (Years 9&10)
Girls Rounders
Street and Hiphop Dance
Jazz Band
Junior Jazz Band
French Film Club
Doc-Soc
Textiles Club (KS3)
Programming Club
Book Club
LGBTQ+ Club

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

Our students are a mature and thoughtful group. They have humane values and a love of learning. In these challenging times, where acts of callous cruelty and violence seem all too commonplace, humane values are more important than ever. I am constantly reassured by the reaction of our students to events in the wider world and around the country; they are measured, dignified and above all else, tolerant. This is a multi-cultural and diverse school and we celebrate unashamedly the plurality of our community. We are united by our love of learning and our desire to make the world a better place; no-one is better placed to achieve this; teachers work with young people and young people work with teachers. Together we create hope and optimism, yes, through celebrating diversity, but also through challenging those values which have no place in school, at home or in society as a whole.

We have reasserted our core values as a community this week and as a staffing body have been reflecting on these during our INSET session: *consideration, responsibility, resilience, commitment and aspiration*. These are abstract ideas, but when they guide and influence our behaviour, and our responses to others, they become concrete. Our values and ethos resonate with those at home and in society as a whole and we reinforce them in our teaching and our language. Young people represent our future, and putting their needs first, above the self-interest of adulthood, of work and stress that leads us, as adults, to make strange choices, can only result in a better world for everyone.

On a prosaic but linked note, we have started our primary transition visits this week. Miss Nowak has been spending time in our cluster primary schools meeting each student. It's a process that every student goes through; preparing for the move to secondary school. In fact, it's something we all went through, even if it was a very long time ago. It can be fraught with anxiety but as we have established over the past five years, our support and approach is highly successful. We are looking forward to welcoming in our new Year 7 for the induction day in July, before things kick off in earnest in September.

There are a couple of cosmetic changes for term 6. Students are no longer expected to wear blazers; it is 'summer dress'. It is a simple way of coping with the hot weather, although this week has been decidedly autumnal in tone. This week we have been trialling our single lunch sitting. It has been a resounding success. It is simpler for staff and simpler for students. It is also a great thing to have all students out on break at the same time. The catering team have coped well and the queues have been minimal, even on 'Chips Friday'. We will tweak and adapt for September and move onwards.

Lastly, our Year 11 are now on study leave. They are working their way through their GCSE exams; coming in for revision sessions and doing their best to ensure that they succeed. They have the full and unrelenting support of their fantastic teachers.

Paul Jones



BFS Dance Club

Join Miss Freitag for Dance club this term to learn Commercial Jazz, Popping, Locking, Krumping, Wacking, Tutting and much more...

You will find us in the Dance Studio or in the NEW Drama hall! Dance Club runs term time, every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15pm until 4:30pm.

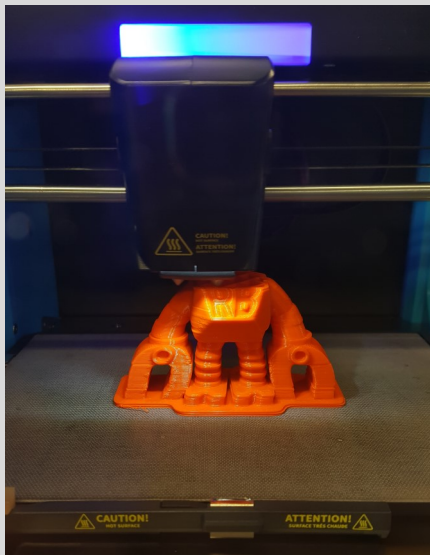
Please bring your trainers and water/a drink to each session and come dance to latest chart hits plus learn some "Old Skool" anthems!

Our 3D printer has landed!

The ADCT department is proud to announce the arrival of our new 3D printer. BFS students will now gain hands-on experience in additive manufacturing technology while designing and printing their own 3D components.

We hope to further inspire the 3D engineers, designers and makers of tomorrow through a series of exciting activities, projects and after-school clubs.

We'd like to thank FoBFS for the extra £1000 funding that made this development possible. Watch this space for 3D makers club coming soon!



FoBFS Summer BBQ - Save the Date!

To help FoBFS raise funds for things like the 3D printer, please keep the evening of **Friday 7 July** free.



The BBQ will start at 6:30pm. There will be a bar for parents and entertainment for children - fun for all the family!

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 12 June 2017	GCSE; English Language (am) Language Ambassadors to Stoke Bishop Primary School, 11:45am—4pm Y10 Students to SGS College, 12:30pm—3pm Battlefields Trip Information Evening, 6:30pm D Block Drama Hall
Tuesday 13 June 2017	GCSE; Mathematics (am) Y7&8 Boys Cricket vs Cotham, home at Coombe Dingle
Wednesday 14 June 2017	GCSE; Chemistry (am) GCSE; History (pm) Year 10 Maths for Everyone - Bristol University (all day) Y9&10 Boys Cricket vs Cotham, home at Coombe Dingle
Thursday 15 June 2017	GCSE; Religious Studies (pm) Y9&10 Boys Cricket vs St Bede's, away PGL Beam House Trip Information Evening, 6pm Drama Hall
Friday 16 June 2017	GCSE; Physics (am) GCSE; Italian (pm) Madrid Trip Information Evening, 6pm Sixth Form Common Room

An update from the LRC

Having access to hundreds of books is a privilege that most of our students take for granted. Since the age of four when they first entered education they will have been surrounded by bright, colourful texts enchanting and educating them on a variety of subjects from *Going on a Bear Hunt* to *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Here at BFS we regularly dedicate time to the simple pleasure of reading; giving students an opportunity to let their imaginations take control; to become involved in exciting experiences and meet intriguing characters. But what of the books that governments and other powerful organisations fought to be banned? Are they really damaging to our moral and social welfare?

This week the LRC celebrates the books that found themselves, at some time and place, on the wrong end of the censors; and encourage our students to enquire, 'what was all the fuss about?' whilst taking time to be thankful that they are free to enjoy *Harry Potter*, *Frankenstein* and many other 'Dangerous Books'.

Help us win £5000 of National Book Tokens for the LRC (and get £100 for yourself!) Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://po.st/schools17>

Warren duo National Badminton Champions!

At the end of last term, both Hannah and Joe Warren competed in the National Badminton Club Finals and their team won the U16 title.

They are both now National Champions. In addition to this, neither of them lost a match throughout the whole tournament including Hannah clinching the title by winning the very close deciding game.

A huge well done to both of them!

