



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 26 June 2017

### Monday

KS4 Fitness  
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

### Friday

Sports Academy

## Words from the Headteacher

Summer definitely has arrived this week, in the form of a fairly challenging heatwave. Students have been staying as cool as possible, which has not been easy. I am glad for the return of slightly cooler temperatures, even if it does mean we have to put our ties back on.

We have been expanding our work with our primary feeder schools this year in a range of different areas. Mrs Sherman has taken an army of Digital Leaders out to Westbury-on Trym recently. They provide workshops on e-safety and computing to Year 6 and below. It has been a very successful programme, and this week 3 of them visited London at the invitation of the NSPCC, to present to their annual conference, a privilege indeed.

Alongside our IT efforts, a number of students have been working with Stoke Bishop school as language ambassadors, delivering four activities in Spanish to Year 6 students. The feedback from the primary students was super; "please make sure you do it again next year!" As if that isn't enough, we've also been working to develop Latin and Classics provision in Henleaze and other schools, with Ms Walsh leading the charge and supporting them with the development of minimus.

Outside of the classroom, our sports leaders are an increasingly common sight at primary school events, including their sports days and fixtures. They help organise and make sure students are able to compete and get engaged. It is great to see the level of involvement across the board as the links between our local primaries and BFS become established and we look forward to continuing new areas of collaboration next year.

Finally, letters were sent home last week regarding a vacancy in our Local Governing Body for a Parent Governor. The deadline for applications is Thursday 29 June.

**Paul Jones**

## Sports Day

This year's Sports Day will take place on Friday 7 July at Coombe Dingle. Students will be directed by BFS staff on arrival, and students must arrive in time for registration at 9am. Students will be dismissed at 3pm from Coombe Dingle.

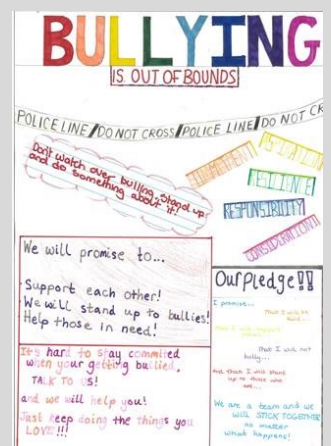
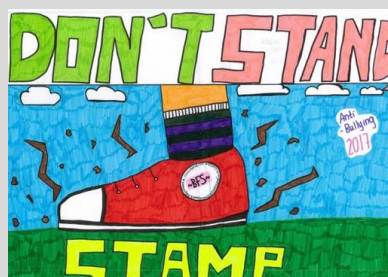
It is vital that students come prepared;

- In their PE kit
- Bring water
- Bring a packed lunch
- Bring sun cream

Should the weather conspire against us, we will use the text messaging system to inform parents and students will attend their normal lessons at school, with a slightly later start.

## Anti-bullying poster campaign competition

The winners of the anti-bullying poster campaign are Elizabeth Meech, Summer Spear and Hebe Simmons.



**Food - practical lesson date change**

There has been a change of practical dates for 7B1, taught by Mr Keen and Mr Dayment.

Their pasta salad practical will no longer be on Wednesday 28 June, instead it will be moved to Wednesday 5 July.

**Language Ambassadors**

Last week our Language Ambassadors spent an afternoon at Stoke Bishop Primary to lead Y6 through four Spanish activities, to introduce them to the language and play games to practise pronunciation. The Stoke Bishop students were really inspired and some of the feedback was:

- We learned so many words! It was like doing four lessons in one day.
- It was so fun you didn't realise you were learning Spanish.
- I want to be a Language Ambassador next year!
- Now I know some faces at BFS, I'll make sure I'll say "hi".

BFS students were brilliant; very confident and self-assured. They showed an infectious enthusiasm for languages and they are looking forward to repeating the experience soon.

*Miss Di Martino and Mr. Kinchin*

**Classics Club**

As a result of our link with the Bristol Classics Hub, this week we were pleased to welcome three students from the University of Bristol who ran a workshop on Roman Cookery.

We explored some of the weird and wonderful food that was served at extravagant banquets and then tasted some of the simpler fare that would have been eaten by ordinary Romans, although the 'garum' (fish sauce) wasn't too popular!

BFS students then competed in the 'Great Pompeian Bake Off' and were asked to design a bread centrepiece that would be fit for a Roman banquet. There were some ambitious design projects involving Roman villas, laurel wreaths and even the Clifton suspension bridge in bread but the university students were particularly impressed by the attention to detail in Charlotte and Ailie's 'panis basilici' creation. If only we'd had time to bake the bread as well!



Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates	
<b>Monday 26 June 2017</b>	GCSE; Design and Technology (AM)
<b>Tuesday 27 June 2017</b>	Additional Transition Day—AEN students Y7 in September Year 11 Valedictory Assembly, 11am Industrial Cadets to Airbus, 3:15pm Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 Girls Rounders Quarter Finals at RGS U12 Boys Cricket vs Clifton High School at home Year 11 Leavers Ball, 7pm Leigh Court
<b>Wednesday 28 June 2017</b>	Chinese Cooking Workshop, Y7, Y8 and Y9
<b>Thursday 29 June 2017</b>	Chinese Cooking Workshop, Y7, Y8 and Y9 'She Rallies' with Judy Murray; 9x Y7 & Y8 girls, David Lloyd Long Ashton Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 Boys and Girl's Tennis, home Eating for Learning, 6pm in LRC2
<b>Friday 30 June 2017</b>	Music Tour to Belgium—until 3 July

**Digital Leaders go from strength to strength**

This week saw the culmination of a very busy few weeks for our Digital leader team with the successful delivery of the E-Safety Session for parents at Westbury-on-Trym Academy, and three Digital Leaders travelling to London to speak at the NSPCC Annual Conference. Students worked hard preparing advice and guidance for parents of Year 6 who will be joining us in September as well as including top tips for the students themselves. The Headteacher was impressed with their confident delivery and excellent suggestions.

On Wednesday, Fiona Gibbs, Trinity Foord and Katie Taylor had an early start from Bristol Parkway to get to Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster. As soon as we walked out of Westminster Tube Station we were greeted by the sight of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and what seemed like hundreds of police officers as our visit coincided with the Queen's Speech and the opening of Parliament. We registered at the conference and were quickly whisked away to our own Green Room, where the girls were miked up and shown the stage - then the nerves really hit!

All three have written blog entries for Childnet which will go on their website next week and here are some extracts from them. Fiona explains how she felt "The few slots before ours that we saw included a very interesting talk about Apps For Good, which involved students around our age creating their own apps. We also heard an inspirational talk via Skype from Trisha Prabu, an American teenager that has taken an incredible role in preventing cyberbullying. Then it was our turn. I was really nervous, but our speech was very well received. Some of the questions they asked at the end were rather confusing, as people tended to talk for a while before asking their question, and then we didn't know exactly what they were asking... That was tricky! During the break, several people approached us and said that we had been rather impressive - that more than made up for any nerves we might have had at the start!" Trinity adds "We even managed to encourage a Headteacher from a school, to email his IT teacher, and get them to sign up for the Digital Leaders programme. How cool is that? Lots of people came up to us and congratulated us."

I am so proud of all of the Digital Leaders, who have worked incredibly hard since we formed in January and are looking forward to delivering the next workshop at St Ursula's in July. Look out for our Online Safety Parent sessions coming your way in the autumn!

*Mrs Sherman*



**Summer Reading Y9 & Y10**

For your English Literature course, you will need to read "Lord of the Flies" over the summer (for Y9 going into Y10) and "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" (for Y10 going into Y11). We expect students to buy a personal copy of the set text so that they can re-read, annotate, and highlight important sections throughout the GCSE course. Many students support their reading through downloading an audio version, or using websites such as shmoop.com, BBC Bitesize, or Spark Notes.





# Summer Starts with 7 July



## FoBFS BBQ

**6:30pm - 9:30pm**

Only 2 weeks to go!

Music, close-up magic, art, outdoor games, BBQ, licensed bar and raffle - fun for all the family.

Tickets on sale from reception next week.

Lots of helpers needed - please sign up for a 45 minute slot at <http://signup.com/go/xDcbhJs>

Many thanks

*Friends of Bristol Free School*

**Please see the front page for Sports Day logistics - also on 7 July!**

## Summer Art Exhibition

The Art department are thrilled with the final exam pieces from the current Year 11s and would like to invite you to celebrate all of their hard work at the Summer Art on Friday 7 July at the same time as the BBQ. Students who are exhibiting can enter for free, Adults £1 and children under 16 for 50p. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Miss Dawson



*Justine Budenis*



*Damian Semmence*

