



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 3 July 2017

### Monday

INSET DAY

### 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

### 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 DAY - no Sports Academy

## Words from the Headteacher

On Tuesday evening the beautiful surroundings of Leigh Court played host to our Year 11 Ball. It is difficult to comprehend the passage of time, how 5 years are played out in the blink of an eye; children lurking nervously at the gates in 2012, timorously clutching hands of equally anxious parents, bottom lips trembling. Fast forward half a decade and they have become young adults whilst around them the steel huts have been replaced by magnificent school buildings. It is a joy to behold their progress; a strange and wondrous confluence of nerveless self-confidence and nervous self-doubt marking their first significant steps towards adulthood and autonomy.

During the day we celebrated the end of the last exam with a valedictory assembly. Our school caterers, Pabulum, put on a special brunch as a parting gift to the cohort which was a lovely gesture. Mr Collis led the assembly with sterling support from tutors, most of whom have known each student for nearly 5 years. It was the usual combination of slightly embarrassing anecdotes and even more embarrassing pictures, alongside some emotional stories of success and friendship. Every student deserves praise, and it is worth remembering that they are the first cohort to go through the new GCSEs for English and maths. They have risen to the challenge and I know worked incredibly hard to get to grips with the new challenging content. Corinne Thompson received the "Spirit of Bristol Free School" award for her excellence in school and in various sporting endeavours, aligned with her willingness to support her peers and her beatifically calm demeanour. Well done Corinne!

After the ritual shirt-signing, students headed off to prepare for the evening ahead. Their now ritual arrival ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous; highlights included screaming, roaring motorbikes and a monstrous Monster truck. Dresses and suits were amazing; they scrub up well. It was a kaleidoscopic sea of colour; hair immaculate, make-up precise and everything on-point. We will miss this cohort and I look forward to welcoming them in on 24 August to collect their exam results and celebrate the closing of this chapter.



Year 11 aside, we are hurtling towards the end of term. It's an odd feeling; some sort of astrological phenomenon where time and space shrinks in a process of acceleration, all the while with an increasing jobs list of more stuff to finish. The music trip to Belgium is happening as I type; I have made clear my expectations for fantastic photos, a copious supply of Leonidas chocolates for the staffroom (and a year's supply of Tripel Karmeliet for the head's fridge). We then have our Year 6 induction – pushed later than usual by complex camp dates across the cluster. It's Sports Day next Friday, followed by the FOBFS BBQ. If you attend one thing this year, come along to both of these (that might be two things, I accept this in purely mathematical terms). The barbecue in the evening is a fantastic event and a time to celebrate with staff, students and families. Be there or be square, as none of our students have ever said, in these most modish of times.

Paul Jones



**Summer Soiree**

Due to an absence of musicians (they are playing music in Belgium on our inaugural tour!) the Summer Soiree is cancelled this year.

**SnapChat App Update**

Last week SnapChat, an app used regularly by many children and young people, launched a new feature. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts and friends. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are and as such, it is worth understanding the feature and how to ensure your child stays safe

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>

**Curriculum Enrichment Week**

Please find attached to the newsletter email a copy of the letter that has been sent home with students this week. Curriculum Enrichment Week runs from 17 to 20 July 2017. We have provided this as a paper copy for quick reference at home. Please check the activity schedule for your child's year group and note the special requirements on page 4 for specific activities. The suggested voluntary donation is £25 per student to cover all activities. Donations are requested to be made via the school's online payment system [Scopay](#). It is also important that you advise us of any changes to your child's medical history by Friday 7 July.



**Anyone for tennis?**

BFS has been selected to be part of the "School of Tennis" initiative, funded by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), to improve tennis provision in schools. As part of this there have been numerous tennis events in the last term. We began with a whole school tutor group tennis competition where all students competed in pairs to get the highest rally in 1 minute. The winners from each tutor group went on to compete in the semi finals against all winning pairs in their year group, before the final 4 winning pairs from each year group went head to head in the final – with Ayman Benarous and Matt Peacock coming out victorious with a whopping rally of 123! Next came the tennis launch week – featuring lunchtime tennis activities from tennis football to mass around the world competitions, ending with a student vs teacher competition which attracted a wealth of students to challenge staff swapping their heels and ties for trainers and a racket! A small group of year 7 and 8 girls were also handpicked to attend a *She Rallies* event at David Lloyd, Long Ashton, championed by Judy Murray in a bid to get more girls playing tennis. The girls took part in an on court session before a Q&A session with Judy.

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 3 July 2017</b>	INSET Day Music Tour returns from Belgium
<b>Tuesday 4 July 2017</b>	Science Club trip to Bristol University Ultrasonics Lab, 2:15pm New Year 7 Parents Evening, 6:30pm
<b>Wednesday 5 July 2017</b>	
<b>Thursday 6 July 2017</b>	Digital Leaders at St Ursula's Academy (all day) Full Governing Body Meeting
<b>Friday 7 July 2017</b>	Sports Day, Coombe Dingle (all day) FoBFS BBQ and Art Exhibition, 6:30pm



**Summer BBQ Friday 7 July - tickets on sale at reception now!**

Treble Bass - Folk Band - Close-up Magician - Gladiator Jousting - Sports - Arts - Crafts - Wimbledon - BBQ - Raffle - Licensed Bar.



Great entertainment, great company - Don't miss it!  
Lots of helpers needed on the night too - please sign up for a slot <http://signup.com/go/xDcbhJs>

**Chinese Cooking Workshops**

Wednesday and Thursday this week saw the Ming Ai Institute in London supported by Lee Kum Kee Sauces come into school and run 5 fantastic healthy Chinese food workshops. Students were able to learn about the cultural/regional food of China, as well as how and what makes Chinese food healthy and fun to make! In total 80 Students took part and were able to take their very own Chinese dish home. Special thanks to the Ming Ai institute and Lee Kum Kee sauces for their time and to Morrisons at Cribbs Causeway for donating a £50 voucher towards the event.

