



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 4 September 2017

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK, including Homework Club



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1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobfs/> and join for free. Alternatively, download the App.

2. Every time you shop online, go to Easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to FoBFS for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges. Thank you for your support and happy shopping.



Words from the Headteacher

So it goes... We have ended the term with our curriculum enrichment week, a fantastic opportunity to ensure that students benefit from lots of different experiences. Reaction from students has been brilliant and we have had some super feedback from parents, which is always nice to receive, *"it has been fantastic to hear of the different activities...there has been a lot of laughter! Yesterday's workshops sounded really informative and how great to have such a varied week."* Thank you to Ms Huzzey for her organisational skills and commitment, without whom it would not run. Thank you also to every member of staff in the school; the level of commitment is impressive. I feel incredibly lucky to be a part of such a fantastic team.



We are saying goodbye to some members of staff. Miss Richardson is heading off to become a librarian. Mr Kinchin is returning to Wales to spend more time with family and less time on the motorway. Miss McGrath is moving up the road to work with the children at Colston's School. Miss Nowak will be moving to Wycliffe School, somewhere in Gloucestershire. Miss West has amazing plans and will be bringing joy to people through fantastic food. Miss Di Martino is returning to Italy, to warmth and Mediterranean culture and agriturismo. We will miss them all – their legacy will echo through the corridors and resurface when we least expect it, in an unexpected gesture that sparks a fleeting reminiscence and a knowing smile.

Next year the school will be full. There will be a tiny bit of space around the edges, some capacity in the Sixth Form, but lower down every year group has its full complement. It is an exciting time. I used to think the school would be great when it was finished, when everything was running seamlessly. I've come to realise that things are never finished. It reminds me of Sisyphus, constantly pushing a boulder uphill but never getting to the top. That's in the darker moments. Whilst there is no summit, there are a series of accomplishments as we start anew each time.

The summer assembly always finishes with the same message; I'm echoing a previous headteacher I worked with in London. I implore students to help around the house, be nice to parents, unload the dishwasher with a smile, walk the dogs, get out of the house. One day they will be parents and grandparents, and then they will know the unceasing worry and joy that ensues, and recognise the brevity of every moment. In the meantime, we will continue to try and instil the foresight to see that everything is finite, and every second is precious. Make the most of your summer.

Paul Jones



Duke of Edinburgh

This week 19 intrepid Year 10 and 11 students embarked on their Silver assessed DofE expedition.

Despite extreme temperatures and blisters covering entire feet, all the students passed with flying colours. As always photos will be uploaded onto the website. Well done everyone!

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals please remember to renew your application by 30 September 2017. This will ensure they continue receiving their meal for the next academic year.

Please go to <https://myfreeschoolmeals.com/> and click on "Apply".

Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for Year 13:

James Beggs—Head Boy
Ben Owen—Deputy Head Boy
Sam Hobbs—Assistant Head Boy

Kirsty McGlade—Head Girl
Portia Neville—Deputy Head Girl
Sahara Shafi—Assistant Head Girl

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 4 September	INSET DAY—school closed to students
Tuesday 5 September	INSET DAY—school closed to students
Wednesday 6 September	Year 7 Induction Day Year 12 Induction Day
Thursday 7 September	Year 13 return to Sixth Form
Friday 8 September	

Syncro Swimming Success

Daniella Lloyd of 10TG1 recently competed for GB in the Junior European Championships in Belgrade. Daniella competed individually in the 'Figures' competition and was one of the youngest there. Out of 278 athletes Daniella came a very creditable 87th

She also competed in both team events 'Free Team' and 'Combination Team'. They made the final in both competitions (12 countries in each final) and were place 6th in both events.

A fantastic effort—well done Daniella!



Battlefields Trip

Staff and students met at 5am on Monday to embark on BFS' annual trip to the WWI battlefields. Although many students were unaware the world existed at this hour, their bright eyes and bushy tailed nature carried them through the 8 hour journey to Ypres.

Upon arrival at Ypres students visited the 'In Flanders Field Museum', discussing the topography of the battlefield, before heading on for a traditional Flemish supper of half a chicken and chips. Following this, Laurence Chandler and Esme Hearn laid a wreath during a remembrance ceremony at the Menin Gate on behalf of BFS. They were joined by esteemed company with 70s rockers Slade also paying their respects. The evening ended with a fine rendition of the greatest hits of the 80s and 90s, much to the delight of Mrs Paredes Bartlett.

Tuesday morning was met by bleary eyed students filling up on pain au chocolat before departing to the Somme, the sight of the most attritional battles of WWI. Visits were made to Vimy Ridge, Thiepval and Newfoundland Park with students immersing themselves in the changing tactics of 1916. The evening ended with escargots and Miss Holyoake dressing as a WW1 nurse in a display of uniform of the frontline.

The final day of the visit saw students refocus on the Ypres Salient and visit Tynecot and Langemarck cemeteries to compare the ways in which both sides' war dead were remembered.

The visit was a great success due to the excellent behaviour of the students and support of Mrs Smith, Mr Green, Miss Holyoake, Mr MacBlain, Mrs Paredes Bartlett and Miss Monsell. Next year's trip is in the calendar.

