



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 9 October 2017

Monday

Y10 and 11 Basketball
KS4 Latin
Chamber Choir
Homework Club

Tuesday

Y9, 10 and 11 Netball
Y9 Rugby
Classics Club
School Show Rehearsals
Science Club
Y12 Young Enterprise
Philosophy Club
Spanish Film Club
Homework Club

Wednesday

Y7 and 8 Rugby
Y7 Basketball
Orchestra
Folk Band
Outdoor Club
Digital Leaders
Homework Club

Thursday

Y8 & 9 Basketball
Y7 & 8 Netball
Y10 & 11 Rugby
Programming
Jazz Band
Junior Jazz Band
Public Speaking Club
Art Club
French Film Club
Homework Club

Friday

G&T 5-a-side Football
KS4&5 Composition Workshop

All clubs run from 3:15-4:30pm with the exception of KS4 Latin which finishes at 5:20pm, and Philosophy Club which runs from 3:10-4:00pm

Words from the Headteacher

A quick reminder from me that it will be the FOBFS annual meeting on Thursday 12 October in the Sixth Form common room. It's a great opportunity to meet the FOBFS team who do so much to support the school and the students. I will be giving a brief presentation about the school and the journey we have all been on over the past 6 years. After that we will be thinking of new ideas and exciting projects. I look forward to seeing you there.

Also happening next week is our Year 7 'settling-in' evening. It provides the opportunity for parents of new Year 7s to have a look around the school with their children. Tutors will be in form rooms between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 12 October, and available for informal discussions about progress and settling-in.

One thing I would really like to celebrate this week is the phenomenal work and commitment of Skye Warwick. She organised a cake sale today to raise funds for a cause that is particularly close to her heart. Skye spent most of the night baking to produce an array of mouth-watering goods. She organised the event herself and we are all immensely proud of her and her team.



As you may be aware, we have been having a bit of a blitz on attendance this term, with the stated aim of avoiding any absence unless absolutely necessary. This means that students are in school, and when they are in school, they learn more. Our attendance is already up on this point last year, but we need to sustain it, and for that we need your help. It is now 'winter cold' season, and with a new set of students come different strains of pathogens. We have to make sure that we are healthy and strong, but also that common colds, the type that lead to a slightly bunged up feeling, are not a golden ticket for a duvet day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance fact of the day:

9TG2 have the best attendance in the school; a staggering 99.48%. Their form tutor is the magnificent Miss Monsell, the attendance champion.

Paul Jones



School Photographs

Please ensure paper orders are sent to Student Services by Wednesday 11 October for the photographs taken last month for students in Y7, Y11 and Y12.

Orders will then be passed to the photographers by the end of next week for processing.

Cake Sale—Full Report

When Skye Warwick in 8TG7 wanted to do some in memory of her Great-Nan who recently passed away, a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support seemed the perfect event.

Skye, along with her two good friends Shanise Thompson and Chidera Rookwood promoted the event well all of this week and amazingly over 30 people, students and staff, donated delicious cakes they had made or bought to the sale.

All the cakes were sold over lunchtime, and Miss Clifton's gorgeous lemon drizzle cake was nominated as the prize for Guess the Height of the Cake competition - a picture of a cake tower, not the lemon drizzle cake!

The cake sale raised £186 and Skye, Shanise and Chidera will distribute certificates next week to everyone who donated to the sale. Thank you so much for all of your support.



Key dates for next week
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates

Monday 9 October 2017	
Tuesday 10 October 2017	Y7,8&9 Netball vs Colstons, at home
Wednesday 11 October 2017	Community Involvement Programme Visit to St Katherine's House Y7 Rugby vs St Bede's, away Y10&11 Netball vs Colstons, away
Thursday 12 October 2017	Y7 'settling-in' Evening, from 3pm Y7 E-Safety for Parents Seminars (pre-registration required) Y9&11 Rugby vs St Bede's, away FoBFS AGM, 7:30pm, Sixth Form Common Room CERN Trip
Friday 13 October 2017	CERN Trip—returning 14 October

Outdoor Club

This week Outdoor Club created some very impressive Nature Art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy... we also enjoyed some super tasty AI fresco hot chocolate!



Celebrating our amazing Computer Scientists

Mrs Sherman, with fantastic prizes donated by Dr Russell Haines from the Institute of Engineering and Technology, had the great honour of choosing our top computer scientists for the Computer Scientist of the Year Award.

It was a tough decision with many students across KS3 and KS4 demonstrating impressive programming skills and commitment to their learning over the past 12 months. However, two students in particular stood out as not only being at the top of their game in terms of their achievement on a curriculum basis, but also in their commitment to extra curricular activities such as Digital Leaders, programming club as well as natural ability to support other students. In short, they are the epitome of an outstanding BFS student; they both exude the BFS values we champion every day.

Well done to Heath and Fiona.

Mrs Sherman

We need old games, puzzles and things to do!

As part of our pastoral provision we run a number of interventions that require games or activities for people to do. These may be peer mentors getting to know their mentees or during group work.

If you have any board games collecting dust or craft activities that you are fed up of hoarding, please drop them into reception or email s.gould@bristolfreeschool.org.uk to ask if they are suitable.

This would be very much appreciated.