



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 13 November 2017

Monday

Y10 and 11 Basketball
KS4 Latin
Chamber Choir
Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in
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
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

Sixth Form Open Evening

This week we welcomed in huge numbers of excited prospective Sixth Form students and their parents to our Open Evening. Mr Walker outlined the present and future, whilst our incredible subject teams gave demonstrations and spoke with students about their subjects. It is very exciting to see the growth in interest and demand for places as our Sixth Form grows from strength to strength. There are so many aspects that make it uniquely beneficial for students; the main one being our small class sizes of 10 to 15. I was also surprised to discover that we are one of only two state schools in the wider Bristol area to offer the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award; one of the key components of any Russell Group or Oxbridge application! My thanks go to Mr Walker and the team for their efforts to ensure that our post-16 provision embodies our values as a school. Watch out online for our short film exploring life in the BFS Sixth Form.

Year 11

The next step on the road to Year 12 begins with the GCSE Mock exams next Thursday; starting with languages speaking exams. They then kick into gear the following week with the full range of formal exams. It is vital that Year 11s get into the revision habit. Teachers have loaded all the revision homeworks onto [SMHW](#). Click on the hyperlink to get started. You can see the tasks even if your child tells you they have forgotten their password, such are the wonders of technology.

The Gate

We are changing arrangements as of Monday and reverting to how things used to be. This involves using the middle entrance on Concorde Drive:

- The bottom entrance from the car park is now visitors and Sixth Form only
- The middle entrance is for all other students at the beginning and end of the day
- The Burghill Road entrance remains in use
- Students with bikes should lock them then go around to the other entrance.

We are doing this because of concerns about the volume of pedestrian traffic immediately after school and the proximity to the road. Having stood there on most days I am worried about student safety. The school has grown, and there is a greater need to manage the end of the day carefully.

Scooter

When I was younger scooter was the name of a slightly strange techno rave novelty act. One of their famous songs contained the lyric, "it's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice". This aphorism has served me well over the years. However, 'scooter' means something different to young people these days. Sadly, we have experienced a small number of scooter thefts from the bike shed in the car park. We are investigating these. In the interim, please make sure your child locks their scooter to one of the racks. It is the simplest way to prevent theft. They can also use the scooter park at the top of the school.

Paul Jones



Duke of Edinburgh Update

The Silver DofE accounts have all been allocated to participants in Year 10.

Students taking part in the Silver Award should now be able to log into edofe.org and upload the details in the same way as before.

If students have questions regarding any aspect of the DofE they should come to the drop in club in ICT1 during lunchtime or tutor time on Tuesdays.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 13 November 2017	
Tuesday 14 November 2017	Year 8 Netball Festival at City Academy Senior Maths Team Challenge at UWE
Wednesday 15 November 2017	Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's house
Thursday 16 November 2017	GCSE Presentation Evening, 7pm, Drama Hall
Friday 17 November 2017	

Embrace Movie Screening and Panel Discussion

As part of our commitment to championing positive body image at Bristol Free School and to complement our PSHE programme of study, we are hosting a special screening of 'Embrace', a life changing social impact documentary that explores the serious issue of negative body image. This powerful documentary uncovers why poor body image has become a global epidemic and what women and young women (and men) everywhere can do to have a brighter future.

This event has been organised in partnership with Lisa Beasley of 'My Body Positive' and will involve a screening **on 22 November**, followed by a Q & A session with a panel of experts in the field of Body Image research, Melissa Atkinson, Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer at Bath University, and Kirsty Garbutt, a Research Associate at the Centre for Appearance Research at the University of the West of England.

We anticipate that this event will be an exceptional opportunity to find out more about an issue that is increasingly prevalent among young people and to discuss possible positive ways forward. This is a **ticket only event** and we are asking for £5 to cover the cost of the license. Tickets can be bought directly from Lisa Beasley at the following Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-free-school-screening-of-embrace-tickets-39476871385>

Please come and join us to raise awareness and be part of the conversation. We hope to see you on the night!

Ms Huzzey



Stars of the Safer Internet Day 2018 films!

All the hard work we have done as a school over the past 12 months has led to us being chosen as the school in England to feature in the upcoming Safer Internet Day films. On Tuesday 7 November, 20 students from KS3 and KS4 took part in workshops and 12 students were chosen to feature in the main films to form part of the resource packs for schools which will be released in December.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in 130 countries. In the UK, the UK Safer Internet Centre coordinate the day which aims to reach children and young people, parents and carers, teachers and all professionals working with young people to start a conversation about safe and responsible use of the internet. This year's global slogan for Safer Internet Day (6 February 2018) is "Create, connect and share with respect: A better internet starts with you". In the UK the focus will be on online relationships and well-being – so what are healthy relationships specifically in terms of using online technologies, how the internet makes us feel, understanding the impact it can have on us, both good and bad, and building strategies for resilience.

Many congratulations to George, Angus, Alice, Jess, Liam and Katie in Years 10 and 11 and to Trinity, James, Ameer, Jake, Eloise and Ellie in Years 8 and 9 for wowing the film crew with their maturity, honesty and articulate manner! We look forward to seeing the final film in December and showing them in assemblies and Parent Information Evenings in February.



E Safety for parents continued:

Last week we shared some useful video links. This week we would like to share some advice from the NSPCC for parents, including Being Share Aware, MineCraft Safety Advice, and how to stay safe using apps. The information can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

You can also contact the free NSPCC Online Safety Helpline with questions about parental controls or concerns about a social network your child is using on **0808 8005002**.