



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 5 February 2018

Monday

Badminton/Table Tennis
KS4 Latin
Chamber Choir
Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in
Y9 Textiles Club
Y7 Boys Football
Girls Football
School Show Rehearsals
Science Club
Y12 Young Enterprise
Philosophy Club
Spanish Film Club
DofE drop in
Homework Club

Wednesday

Y8&9 Football
Sixth Form Girls Netball
Indoor Girls Cricket
Orchestra
Folk Band
Digital Leaders
Flying Start
Homework Club

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football
Girls Basketball
Programming
Craft Club
Jazz Band
French Film Club
Junior Jazz Band
Public Speaking Club
NO Homework Club

Friday

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

Is the term already almost done? With only one week remaining it certainly seems that way. A second round of mock exams is looming for Years 11 and 13 and time is definitely going faster. Perhaps a corollary of Einstein's theory of relativity; seconds get shorter as we get older. That's certainly how it feels to this, self admittedly, middle aged man.

We welcomed Year 8 parents and students this week for their parents' evening. We would like to thank all of you who braved a cold winter's evening to be part of the high turnout who took part in the event. These evenings are a very important part of how we communicate with you about your child's progress in school. If you would like to provide us with feedback on how we could further improve what we do, then please pass it on via your child's tutor or year leader, or email us on admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

I would like to take the chance to remind you to be mindful of your child's online safety. I hate to be the bearer of bad news but those of you on Facebook are the new luddites and there are a host of new apps and sites that will be occupying your child. Some apps are used to hide things from nosy parents (apologies if I seem to be casting aspersions), others allow children to make comments about other users anonymously and some allow users to broadcast videos to the World Wide Web from the comfort of their own bedrooms. Of course there are positives; many apps provide a useful service or act as a link to an engaging online world, however it is always worth remembering that we exist in the real one. The NSPCC and the Safer Internet Centre provide parents with some really useful support (links below) and your children are currently studying e-safety in their tutor times. Please speak to them about what they're learning.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Finally, we have a simple and straightforward take on how we expect students to conduct themselves and treat others at BFS. Through our 5 core values we ask them, for example, to be considerate, thoughtful and respectful to everyone in our community. Ultimately our ethos is defined by the following sentence: *We "value behaviour which supports learning and creates a caring environment where we all feel safe, secure and supported."* I'm sure this is a sentiment shared by us all.

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher



Well done David!

Huge congratulations this week go to David Shute in Year 8, who has been selected to join the REDS (Regional England Development Squad) for judo.

This is the first rung of selection for the England judo squad; quite an achievement!

David will be representing BFS at the Bristol Schools Championships on 17 March, and we wish him luck.

Reports

Year 8 interim reports were issued on Thursday of this week, with Year 7 interim reports being issued today.

For a full list of reports and parents evenings for the remainder of the year, please visit the [website](#).

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 5 February 2018	Ski trip parent's information evening, 6pm
Tuesday 6 February 2018	Flying Start Regional Final Spanish Exchange parent's information evening, 5:30pm Year 11 Music Performance Evening, 6pm
Wednesday 7 February 2018	Community Involvement Project visits St Katharine's House Year 12 HE+ Masterclass by Cambridge University Y7&9 boys football vs Henbury, away
Thursday 8 February 2018	History Trip to Munich—4am meet at school PERFORM project; STEM students Y8 boys football vs Henbury, away
Friday 9 February 2018	Sixth Form Applications Deadline History Trip to Munich



OUTDOOR CLUB WOULD LOVE YOUR OLD TOOLS!

If you have any old gardening tools, equipment, pots, seeds, gloves etc gathering dust at home, please donate them to Outdoor Club, where they will be given a new lease of life! Students can bring donations to Miss Archer in C0.16 (INCLUSION) any morning at 8:20am before lessons begin.

REMINDER - Outdoor Club will be running again in Term 4. Wednesdays at 3:15pm in C1.26.

SEE YOU THERE!

FoBFS Quiz night—with an exciting new twist!

The first ever FoBFS quiz 'n' fish and chips night will be on Friday 9 March in the Sixth Form Common Room.

The bar opens at 7:00pm, and the quiz starts at 7:30pm. See the attached poster for more details.

We would be grateful if people could apply as a team (tables of 6-8) by leaving a cheque at Reception with details of their team name and a contact email. Let us know if you're a veggie.

No tickets will be provided but we'll email you to confirm. Any queries please email hayman_alison@hotmail.com.



Year 10 Food Skills

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition class were today treated to a fantastic visit by James Green from the British Association for Shooting and Conservation. Students were taught the true meaning of "where our food comes from" by coming face to face with fresh seasonal pheasants.

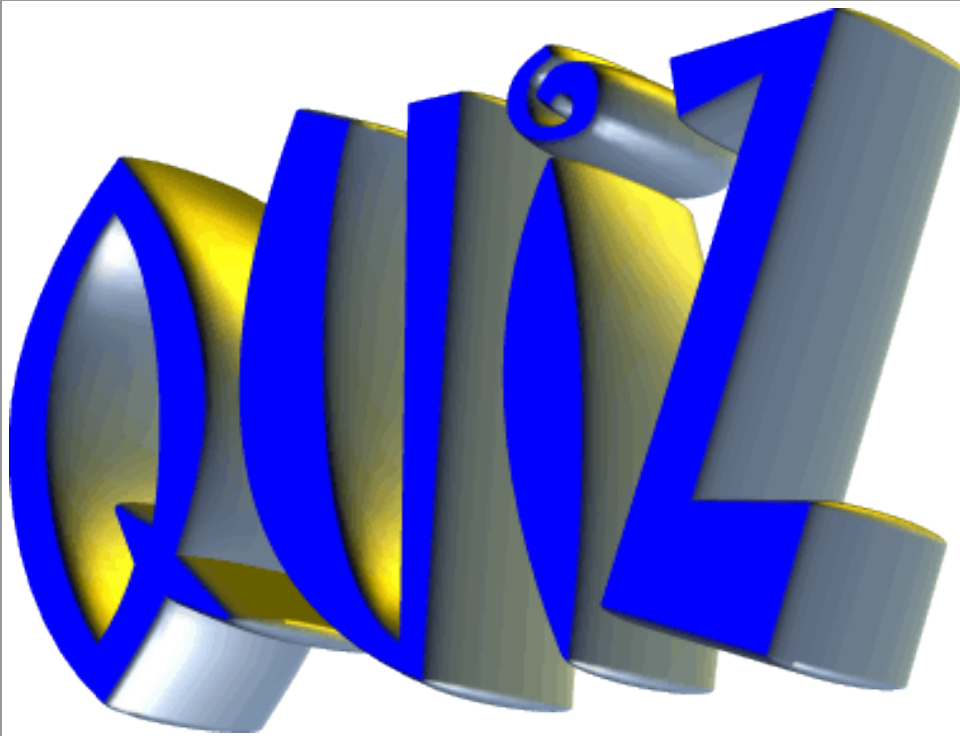
After a quick plucking and drawing demonstration from James, each student set about plucking and drawing their very own pheasant. Everyone got stuck in and Mr Dayment was incredibly impressed by their resilience and commitment! Next step Game Pie!

A truly inspirational and motivating visit.



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9TH MARCH 2018

FoBFS PARENTS'

QUIZ AND FISH AND CHIPS NIGHT

Get your friends together for the first ever FoBFS Quiz and Fish and Chips night. Please apply as a team if at all possible but smaller groups welcome and we'll try and join you up



Tickets £10 pp. Pay by cheque made payable to FoBFS and hand in to school reception. Please apply as a team if you can.

Make sure you include your team name, number of members and an email to contact you.

Teams of 6-8.

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Bar opens at 7,
Quiz starts at 7.30

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