



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 26 February 2018

### Monday

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  
Homework Club

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football  
Girls Basketball  
Programming  
Craft Club  
Jazz Band  
Junior Jazz Band  
Public Speaking Club  
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

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and this week's edition is jam packed. The trip to Munich (report overleaf) confirmed that Mr Fernandes doesn't like heights (but ironically is fine in a plane due to his scientific understanding of Bernoulli's principle).

Well done to our girls' cricket team (right) who competed in a city wide competition. Whilst they didn't quite secure the trophy they did beat the tournaments eventual winners in the group stages. They can be very proud of their efforts.



Mocks have begun, and whilst I empathise with the increased levels of stress for some students, there is no substitute for this early revision and experience of completing exam questions to time. The importance of **completing** an exam paper is hard to overstate; and that comes with practice. Hard-working students who fail to answer the questions at the end of a paper can drop a whole grade. In addition, the data and information that we get from these exams will mean that students move into the final stages of GCSE and A-Level preparation fully aware of what work and support is required to secure excellent outcomes.

We are also trialling an open school at break and lunch in response to student and parent feedback during the cold snaps last term. Students have behaved well and the school has remained free of dropped wrappers and unwanted crusts. A case of so far so good and long may it continue!

**Ben Sillince - Acting Headteacher**

## Words from the Head of Sixth Form

It's a great privilege to be given space on the front page of the school newsletter this week, in what has been a busy and exciting time in the Sixth Form. Our UCAS applications process has just been completed and students are receiving a wide range of university and apprenticeship offers. Before half term our Year 12 Cambridge scholars took part in their second session on developing a research article of their choice. They shared it with other potential Cambridge applicants from across the city, with their final pieces being showcased at Bristol Cathedral later in the year. Our Maths Ninjas have been mentoring Year 7 students and our English mentors have been spending tutor times each week helping Year 11 prepare for their mock exams.



This week we also held our 'Meet the Providers' afternoon, where we welcomed guests from the MOD, Rolls Royce, Bristol University's School of Medicine, UWE Ambassadors, UWE Midwifery and Nursing, Barcan and Kirby, University of South Wales, Stride Treglown, Reinshaw, Careers near here and Women in Property, to talk to students about the possible routes to future careers, apprenticeships and university. Thank you to Mrs Barley for organising such a brilliant event, which linked seamlessly to our University Finance and Courses Evening. The presentation from the evening is now on the website.

Each week students are involved in something new, helping with students lower down the school, or helping staff with lunch duties in the busy canteen. All in all, the Sixth Form is a wonderfully vibrant part of BFS. I am very proud of these young adults and their contribution to the school and wider community.

**Richard Walker - Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form**



**DofE Update**

A reminder that all outstanding trip forms and payment for Bronze and Silver DofE are due by Wednesday 28 February.

**Food and Drink**

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can refill it and drink from it during the day. It will reduce the amount of plastic cups being used which can only be a good thing for the environment.

Please also ensure you check the balance of your child's catering account; they cannot top up with cash on site, so regular checks will ensure they sufficient funds are available.

**Shakespeare Workshop**

On Monday, all of Year 10 were regaled with a workshop focusing on Macbeth. This was the fourth visit from the Shakespeare Rewired Theatre Company and they were as enthusiastic and engaging as ever. Both sides of the year group behaved impeccably during the workshop and, despite some slight additions to the play (a riotous house party at Duncan's castle being one of them), gained some really useful insights into this important GCSE text.

The workshop began with the students acting out the play and, as the picture shows, some interesting costumes were used - particularly for Lady Macbeth (right). Under direction from the actors, the key events were shown on stage and there was lots of fruitful discussion surrounding the motivation of the characters. The different classes have now spent this week in lessons discussing the workshop and unpicking the play in more detail - and they have all said how much they enjoyed workshops. Many thanks to the Shakespeare Rewired Company and we look forward to seeing them again next year!



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 26 February 2018</b>	
<b>Tuesday 27 February 2018</b>	Wellbeing Ambassadors attending Mindfulness Training U14 Girls Football vs Oasis Brightstowe, away Y10 Boys Football vs Henbury, away
<b>Wednesday 28 February 2018</b>	Community Involvement Project visit St Katherine's House PERFORM project; STEM students visiting Southmead Hospital Y9&10 Boys Football vs St Bede's, away
<b>Thursday 1 March 2018</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY—costumes and cake sale Y11 Historians to The Doctors Show Y8 Boys Football vs St Bede's, away Year 10 Subject Evening
<b>Friday 2 March 2018</b>	UKMT Maths Challenge, at Colston's School Tennis Ambassadors Training at Coombe Dingle Treble Bass performing at the Dementia Café Musicians to the Colston Hall for Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra



**History Trip to Munich**

A very cold and early start on 8 February saw the Year 11 historians head to Heathrow to embark on their trip to see some of the key places in the history of Nazi Germany. We arrived in time for lunch and then explored a snow covered Munich, including stopping at the Odeonsplatz (left), on foot with the expert guidance of Janet our tour guide.

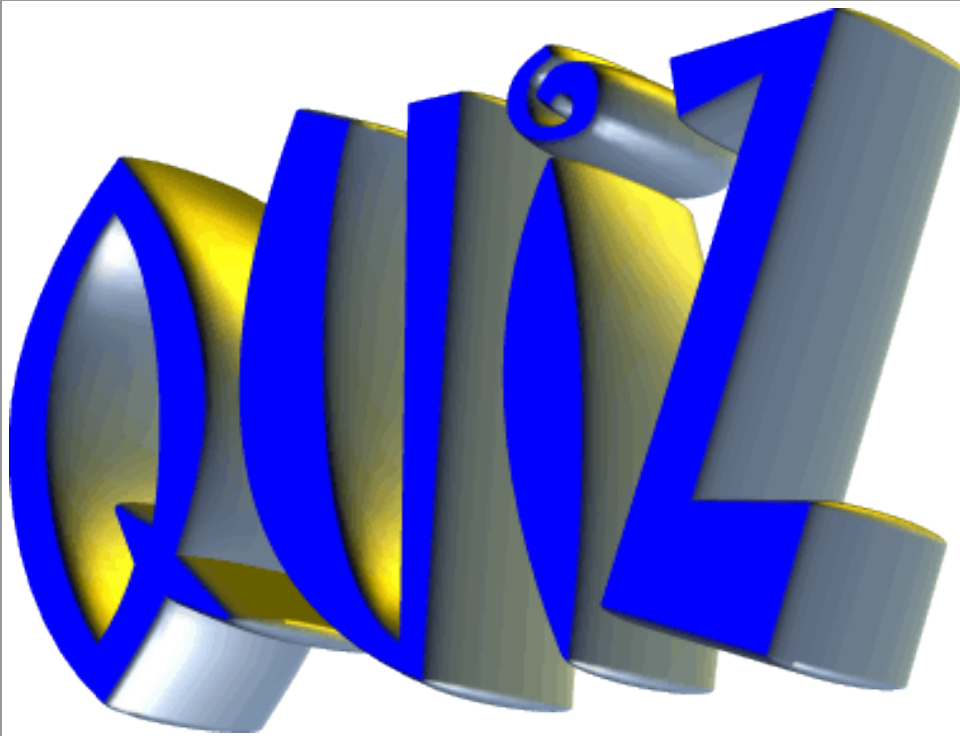
Friday was a humbling day that will stay with our students for a long time; we visited Dachau concentration camp. Visiting in the snow certainly added an extra sense to the visit; we were cold in our thermals and multiple layers; working in those conditions in striped pajamas is a not a thought that is easy to digest. Thankfully we were able to end the day on a lighter note with a game of bowling.

Saturday saw a trip to Nuremberg; the site of the Nazi party rally grounds, and later the location of the trials. In the evening we visited the Olympic Park including a trip up the 291m tall tower, and managed to successfully navigate the trams and tubes (an achievement that required a few attempts, it must be said—ask Alayah, Levi and Sam...). By Sunday, it was time to come home, via Neuschwanstein Castle; the site of the most epic cross-valley snowball fight BFS students have ever seen.

The students were a credit to themselves and the school; it was a fantastic start to the half term.

**Term Dates**

The dates for the 2018-19 school year are now available on the [website](#).



**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 Friends of Bristol Free School (not FoBFS!) and hand in to school reception. Please apply as a team if you can.

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

Teams of 6-8.

Let us know if you're a veggie!

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No tickets will be provided. We'll email you to confirm

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Bar opens at 7,  
Quiz starts at 7.30

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