



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 19 March 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

Homework Club
All other clubs cancelled; subject evening

Thursday

Y10 and up Boys Football
Girls Basketball
Programming
Art 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

Another sugary-fruit-preserve packed week at BFS. Apologies for the awful attempt at humour, however it has been a particularly busy week.

My highlight was the return of the zombie apocalypse for KS3 Stem day. Mr Ashley bundled 'Patient Zero' into the HAZMAT van, transferring Mr Walker to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases. It is serendipitous that over the course of the week we discovered that Einstein was wrong and that time travel is possible*. As a consequence I'm pleased to inform you that Mr Walker (from the future, and now free of the zombie plague) is still at the helm of our Sixth Form.

I was incredibly touched by the support from parents following the announcement of our inspection this week. Thank you for your kindness and consideration. I am also incredibly proud of our students and staff.

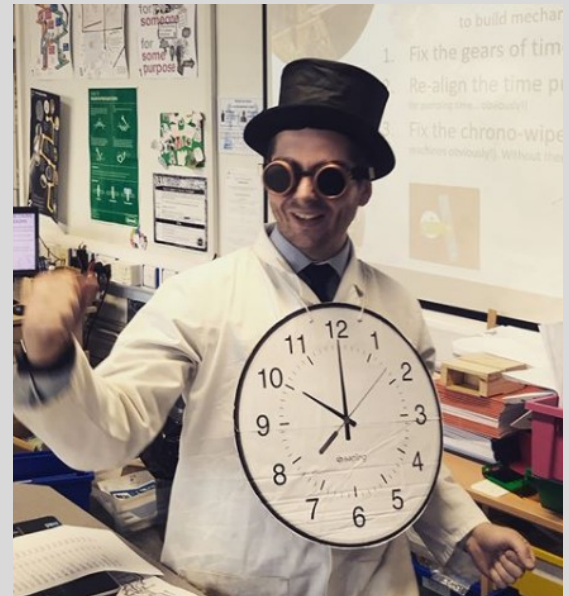
**Mr Mabey would like me to state that Einstein's theory of relativity is still the most accepted theory regarding the governance of the universe and that it has withstood all attempts to disprove it to date. He would also like us to acknowledge the sad passing of Professor Hawking: The universe has lost a truly remarkable brain.*

**Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher**

STEM Day

Wednesday was a significant day for Science and Technology for a number of reasons: the passing of the great Stephen Hawking, who contributed so much to our understanding of the Universe; Einstein's birthday; Pi day - 3.14... (if you look at it the American way) and Bristol Free School's fifth whole school STEM Day - a tradition that has been gaining momentum in its ambition and scope every year.

This year, KS3 students were amazed to learn that Mr Turner (AKA the Time Turner) had found a way to move through time, creating the possibility of travelling back to the zombie apocalypse of 2015, finding patient zero and averting the disaster that resulted in us living on Mars for the last year and a bit. Unfortunately, things went a little awry and students and aptly dressed staff ended up scattered through time and space, needing to find a way to jump-start the flux capacitor using technology and resources from the era in which they landed. An Archimedes screw in Ancient Greece; cogs and pulleys in the Victorian era; cryptographic logic in 2080 and analogue maps and timetables in the 1980s. Much STEM learning and ham acting later, the students were successful in identifying Mr Walker as patient zero and bundling him into a bio-hazard vehicle to be driven to an unknown fate. Who knows where we'll be next year?



More photos of STEM Day are available on Instagram @bfs_6degrees



Philosothon

On Monday, our budding philosophers spent the evening musing at the museum, and came away with a plethora of awards. Huge congratulations to:

- Katie Gallagher- Best Year 10
- Nazifa Ahmed- The Kant Award for the most complex argument
- Amy Morgan- The Socrates Award for the best discussion facilitator

A full report will follow next week.



FoBFS Quiz

Friday's FOBFS quiz was a great success. We raised a fantastic £1059! Many thanks to everyone who attended.

A special mention goes to Ms Huzzey as a fabulous and very entertaining compere and to Alison, Teresa, Sarah, Cathy and Ffion who organised it all.

A level Spanish quiz and cultural evening

Our Sixth Form students, Ben Owen, James Beggs and Tariq Fry recently attended a Spanish culture and quiz evening alongside fellow A-Level students from QEH and Redmaids' High School.

Music, popular culture and linguistic knowledge were all put to the test and students discussed the literature studied in their courses. It is fantastic to see how passionate students can be about languages at this level!

Miss Southall and Miss Pearson

BFS at the Regional Spelling Bee Final

On Monday, Matthew House, Lola Dempsey and Hannah Ribeiro in Year 7 participated in the Regional Spelling Bee at Norton Hill School in Bath. Competing against schools across the South West, they did phenomenally well against some tough competition! Matthew placing 1st and Lola 4th has earned them a place at the National Spelling Bee Final in Cambridge. We are very proud of all three students and wish Matthew and Lola all the best in preparation for the next round in June! ¡Felicidades!

Miss Southall



Key dates for next week

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

Saturday 17 March 2018	Don't miss Treble Bass in the Colston Hall Foyer! 12:30 - 1:15pm
Monday 19 March 2018	
Tuesday 20 March 2018	Rosslyn Park Sevens Rugby Competition HPV Vaccinations—Y8 and Y9 Girls
Wednesday 21 March 2018	Flying Start Grand Final, Fleet Air Arm Museum Prince's Trust Adventure Day Y7 workshop—Show Racism the Red Card Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House Year 10 Subject Evening
Thursday 22 March 2018	
Friday 23 March 2018	Y8-Y10 Ski Trip departs. Return date 31 March Last day of Term 4

Spanish Exchange 2018

Our Year 10 students have returned from Figueres, Catalonia after a fantastic week with their host families. They attended lessons at our partner school, Institut Cendrassus, explored Barcelona, orienteered in Girona and visited the Dalí museum. Students were an absolute credit to Bristol Free School and we are so proud of how well they did presenting about their experience to other students and staff on the last day at school, all in Spanish! We look forward to warmly welcoming their exchange students and staff to Bristol in May!

Miss Ryan and Miss Southall



Year 10 Young Enterprise

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 Young Enterprise team, who on Thursday evening wowed judges and members of the public alike to get through to the regional finals.

The students first set up their stall and were judged on their product, customer service, branding and social media presence by four very inquisitive judges. Later in the evening, Eleanor De Melo Covill and Clayton Moshore faced the three Dragons alone for a nerve-racking four minute presentation and four minute question and answer session. Both were outstanding in their roles.

Now it is back to the grind for the Young Enterprise group as they improve their business once more and prepare for a final presentation in front of around 200 adults in the regional finals.



GCSE Pod

Year 11 Parents were emailed a letter this week with useful information about a fantastic revision resource; GCSE Pod.

Information regarding how to use the tool, from anywhere on any device, is also available on the front page of our website. Just in time for the Easter holidays; a valuable time for revision.