



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 18 June 2018

Monday

Y7 World Cup matches
KS4 Latin
Chamber Choir
Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in
Y9 Textiles Club
Y8 World Cup matches
School Show Rehearsals
Science Club
Y12 Young Enterprise
Philosophy Club
Spanish Film Club
Homework Club

Wednesday

Y9 World Cup matches
Orchestra
Folk Band
KS3 Art Club (limited spaces)
Digital Leaders
Flying Start
French Film Club
Homework Club

Thursday

Y10 World Cup matches
Programming Club
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

Well, we are getting toward the end! Year 11 and Year 13 have worried, worked and sweated over their GCSE and A level examinations and now there is just a week to go. Indeed, for Year 11, apart from a couple of exams next week, it is already all over and all that can be done now is to wait to open those envelopes on results day. A Level results day is on Thursday 16 August, and GCSE results day is Thursday 23 August. On both days students will be able to collect their results from school between 9:00am and 11:00am in the Sixth Form Common Room. Enrolment into BFS Sixth Form is on 23 and 24 August.

Throughout the examination season our students have demonstrated the maturity and good behaviour for which they are deservedly noted. Exams have run efficiently with the mature cooperation of the students involved. The behaviour of the students from other year groups has been thoughtful and considerate, ensuring that our Year 11 and 13 students have been able to take their examinations under the best possible conditions.

Year 11 and 13 are now free to celebrate at their Leavers Ball(s) on 27 and 29 June respectively, but for the rest of us, as ever in schools, it continues to be a busy time. The exam drum now beats for Year 10 and 12 with their round of exams underway next week. It's the time of year for arts and culture to take more of the foreground with the school's musical, Annie, being performed on 3 and 9 July and a music tour of Paris starting on 28 June, including a performance by our students at Disneyland! Our new Year 7 students join for us for the day on 10 July for Transition Day, and then there's an Open Day on 4 July for students currently in Year 5 at primary school and their parents.

True, the end of the school year is just beginning to appear over the horizon, but there's lots still to do and enjoy before we get there.

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher

Super 6 Athletics Finals

A huge well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 athletes for a storming performance at the Super 6 Finals this week.

Podium places included Lucy in shot put, Gwen in the javelin, Erin in the 800m, and Gwen and Megan in the 300m and 200m heats respectively.

The students conducted themselves in the great spirit of the occasion, and came away with some excellent results.



Road Safety

As ever, we implore students to cross roads and ride bikes with care.

I'm sure that you are echoing this in your conversations with them at home. If wise words fall on deaf ears then perhaps you could let the 1970s do the talking?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BrivBSv20Y>

Lost Property

The lost property box in Student Services is full to bursting.

Please remind your child to look for items they have lost, and please put names on anything coming into school!

An update from the LRC

Reading for pleasure will be an oxymoron for some people. Getting *lost* in a book is an indulgence that is not for everyone - perhaps because of the busy lives we lead, minds too full of ideas and to-do lists. Let's be honest, we can all struggle to put all else aside and relax into a book. With GCSEs and end of year exams on the timetable for our students that is especially understandable right now. But maybe it's also accessing the text that creates the problem; print too small? Words that jump around? These are common problems for dyslexic readers and many of us will recognise these annoyances even without this diagnosis.

In the LRC, we have a collection of 'quick reads', books designed for students who have either not developed a love of reading (yet!) or have difficulty accessing the words. But our new editions are both short and exciting, and even printed in large, dyslexic friendly font on a tinted page. Used as a springboard, we hope they will launch the more reluctant reader into a wealth of literature helping them to expand their ideas, vocabulary, knowledge and enjoyment. And, of course, in turn support their academic progress!

Good reading habits and a lifelong love of literature is the aspiration all school librarians have for their students, but the most influential factor on a child's reading habits is what they see the adults around them doing – if you read, they are more likely to read. So the next time the sun comes out, grab a book, a Kindle or a magazine and head for the deck chair.

Summer BBQ

4 weeks to go until the FoBFS summer BBQ!

We hope to see lots of you there and it would be great if people could also help on the night. Information about how to volunteer will be coming out soon.

Please also look out anything that could appear on our tombola stall. We'd appreciate donations nearer the time. Many thanks FoBFS.

| Key dates for next week | |
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| Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates | |
| Monday 18 June 2018 | Pathways 3 Community Project—Farm Visit |
| Tuesday 19 June 2018 | Y7-10 Rounders vs Clifton High, away at Coombe Dingle |
| Wednesday 20 June 2018 | Maths is for Everyone Trip Music Tour rehearsals after school |
| Thursday 21 June 2018 | Y8 Science Discovery Prize |
| Friday 22 June 2018 | Pathways 3 Community Project—Farm Visit |

