



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

This week we held the Year 12 settling in evening where parents and students discussed with their tutors the first term of A Levels. Thank you to the Year 12 tutors and Sixth Form team for organising such a supportive and well attended event.

I would also like to thank Ms Huzzey for organising the inspirational speaker and youth coach Beresford Lee who delivered assemblies to all year groups as part of our celebrations for Black History month. He gave a powerful message which was aimed to raise all students' dreams and aspirations.

Next week our Year 7s will be having a fun teambuilding day in their tutor groups at Clifton College and I am very much looking forward to joining them in my wellies!

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

This week in Year 11 Maths...



Year 11 have made a fantastic start to the academic year. The new structure of parallel groups is proving very successful, raising aspirations for all. A small number of students have been receiving extra targeted support at tutor time and in Period 7 sessions, and students are responding really well. Later in the year this will become available to more students, but the key message to everyone is that if students work hard in lessons, do the homework on time - including the revision assignments on the [Mathswatch website](#) - and revise properly as guided by their teacher, then this will be enough for students to reach or exceed their target grade. The Mathswatch revision programme is a coordinated 6 week revision schedule following the little and often model of revision.

The Year 11s have a term 1 class test on Monday. This is only on the topics from term 1 and will be done in lessons. The much bigger goal on the horizon is the Mock Exams at the end of November. Maths papers are 27 November, 30 November and 5 December. If you can remind and support students in having and bringing correct equipment - including a calculator and a maths set - this will help with the smooth running of all the exams.

Thanks again for all your support!

Mr Cousins, Head of Maths

Maths Stars of Term 1

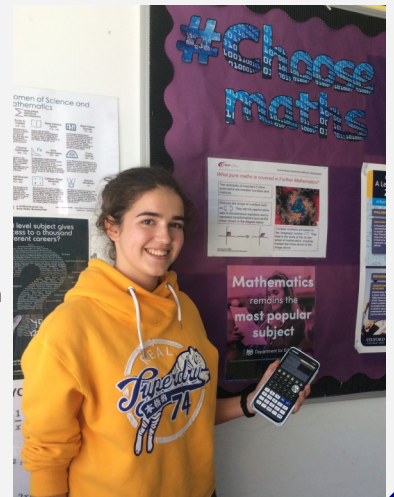
Because there are so many stars in Year 11, it was very difficult for each class teacher to choose just one. However, they managed it and here are the outstanding students from this term. They have shown consistently excellent effort, commitment to learning and resilience throughout the term. Congratulations! Please praise accordingly. They should all be very proud of themselves.

- * Samira Alom - commitment to learning
- * Celia Castellano - resilience
- * Daniel Fulford - aspiration
- * Katie Gallagher - commitment to learning
- * Charlotte McIlree - resilience
- * Madison Wynne - commitment to learning

Meanwhile, on Twitter...

On GCSE results day Casio, the calculator people, tweeted an opportunity for students who achieved a Grade 9 to win a colour graphic calculator. @BFS_Maths retweeted the competition, and were delighted to hear last week that one of our students had won a prize!

Hannah, who is now studying Maths and Further Maths at BFS Sixth Form, now has a high-spec calculator to enrich her studies. Many congratulations Hannah! #choosemaths



Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please visit this link <https://goo.gl/YR3qcb> for details of the clubs running until Christmas.

The week commencing 22 October is **Blue Week**.

Lost Property

We have a mountain of lost property items which are unnamed and need to be reunited with students! Please send your child to Student Services if they have misplaced anything lately...



Any unnamed property left after half term will be donated to the uniform cupboard or local charity shops.

LRC News

What's bigger on the inside than the outside, and can take you anywhere in time and space? A Book!

With the spotlight shining so brightly on women in science, our own impressive record of girls choosing the STEM subjects and the exciting incarnation of *The Doctor* as a woman, the LRC is promoting a range of science and science fiction books to complement the zeitgeist.

We have a wide range of texts with a broad appeal such as old classics like 'Dune' and 'The Restaurant at the End of the Universe' to more modern reads including Madeleine L'Engle's 'A Wrinkle in Time' – now a successful film. For those who prefer a more fact-based read, we have fascinating accounts of scientific subjects and scientist's lives from the leaders in their fields – Stephen Hawking, Richard Dawkins and others.

We hope to see an increase in the number of publications from women in STEM—maybe even by one of our students one day...



Sixth Form News

Successful Year 12s selected for Cambridge Scholars Programme

Well done to our wonderful group of Year 12s that have been selected to take part in Cambridge University's HE+ Programme. The students have been invited to take part in the programme that takes place over the course of Year 12 with only a hand full of students selected from Bristol schools. Students will have the opportunity to work with and hear from university scholars and experts in their fields of study, with students writing their own research paper as their finale of the course. The final judging of student's work last year was held in Bristol City Hall, where we were very fortunate to have three students reach the final stage. The very best of luck to all our Cambridge HE+ students.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Don't forget our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Wednesday 14 November, 6:30-8:00pm Tickets can be obtained for the two talks from the Sixth Form website via Eventbrite. If you have any questions please contact us at sixthform@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Work of the Week—Year 8

Here are a few glimpses of what the Year 8s have been doing recently. Some of the best work across the school will be displayed in the newsletter each week, so keep working hard to see if your work will end up in the newsletter!

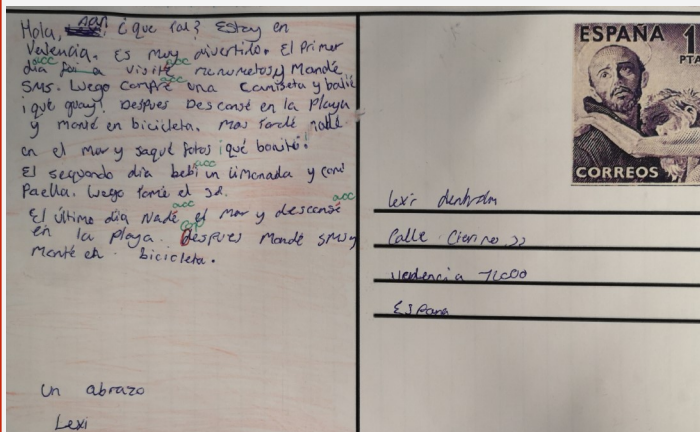
Well done Benji and Lexi—I'm really proud that the Year 8s are up first to show off their efforts!

Mrs Giblin

Benji Pearce's Natural Dye Homework



Lexi Denholm's Spanish Postcard



Waterpolo Success

A huge well done to Alex Indge, who took part as goalkeeper in the Under 15's National Age Group Waterpolo Championships in Manchester on Saturday 13 October.

His team, The City of Bristol Waterpolo Club, came fourth out of eighteen, a great achievement and something he should be proud of!

Events in the next fortnight	
22/10/2018	Nettlecombe 7TG1&2 Team Building Trip DofE Introductory Meeting, 6pm in D Block Drama Hall
23/10/2018	Nettlecombe 7TG3&4 Team Building Trip Community Involvement Project off site 1:30pm -
24/10/2018	Nettlecombe 7TG5, 6&7 Team Building Trip Bristol School's Cross Country 2018-19, at Ashton
25/10/2018	Nettlecombe Y11 GCSE Drama Devised Performance, 6:30pm in Y9&10 Girls Netball vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, away at OAB
26/10/2018	Nettlecombe Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline Live Lounge - lunchtime (students only)
27/10/2018— 04/11/2018	Half Term
05/11/2018	Inset Day—School Closed to Students
06/11/2018	
07/11/2018	Girls Netball, all years, vs Colston's, home
08/11/2018	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening, 7pm
09/11/2018	Y10 Music Recital, lunch time (students only) Remembrance Assemblies



On Road Cycle Training

Level 2 & Level 3 Bikeability courses

Bristol: Autumn 2018

- Level 2 training for 9-11yrs
- Level 3 training for 11-15yrs
- Small groups to build confidence
- National Qualification
- Intensive course over 2 days
- Bristol venues:
- Clifton High School 31st Oct / 1st Nov



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