



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to another busy term at BFS.

This week we have held two very important ceremonies at BFS. Today we held our first full school remembrance ceremony. We took time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf to protect our freedom, in World War 1, World War 2 and every conflict since. I would like to thank Mr Bishop for organising and leading this event which reflects such an important part of our British values.

Yesterday we held our annual GCSE certificate evening which was attended by last year's Year 11 and their families. It was a wonderful event and so lovely to see the year group come together for the last time. Briony Williams was our guest speaker and gave an inspirational speech to students about the importance of being positive and not allowing excuses and setbacks to hold you back from doing great things in life. A big thank you again to everyone who attended and supported this special event that marks a very important moment in young peoples' lives.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## We will remember them...

Today saw the first remembrance ceremony for the whole school held at Bristol Free School. On the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, Mrs King dedicated the assembly to the 11,000 soldiers who were either killed or wounded in the last six hours of fighting on 11 November 1918.

Introducing proceedings, Mrs King shared the story of three soldiers who lost their lives in the last hours of the conflict; George Ellison, Augustin Trebuchon (the last French soldier to be killed) and Henry Gunther. All three lost their lives within hours, and sometimes minutes, of the ceasefire. Mr Bishop then explained to students each element of the ceremony.



Students and staff joined together in two assemblies, the first for KS3, and the second for KS4, KS5 and staff, to reflect and remember. Alex played the Last Post on his bugle, Dan Whetton and Catrin Hale recited In Flanders Fields, and Jasmin Firth and Ed Gallen laid a wreath during the first ceremony, followed by Jacob Wright and Stacey Kihumba for the second.

These 7 students can be proud of their role in the ceremony; they conducted themselves beautifully. Mr Pate and his specially selected choir provided a moving performance of *I Wish for Peace*, which enabled students to continue to reflect following the two minutes silence, before leaving the hall and continuing with the rest of their day.



We are pleased we were able to assemble the school as a whole community, as much as the space we have allows, to join together in remembering the sacrifices made and lives lost during conflict over the last 100 years. All of the students took part in the ceremonies in a very respectful manner, and we are very proud of all of them.



### GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

On Thursday we held our GCSE Presentation Evening, celebrating all the success of the 2017-18 Year 11.

Students heard from Mrs King and Mrs Jenkins prior to receiving their certificates—which as Mrs King explained, need to be locked away safe as replacing them is a costly process which absolutely should be passed on to the student by parents as they roll their eyes in 5 years time...



Briony Williams, semi-finalist in this year's Great British Bake Off, was our guest speaker, speaking about the impact of positivity and not allowing setbacks to stop you achieving your goals.

Part of the evening was dedicated to the award of the Spirit of Bristol Free School trophy to one student, nominated by teachers and then anonymously selected by FoBFS from a list of candidates. Dan (pictured below with Mrs King and Mr Sillince) won the award this year, for his excellent academic progress coupled with his humble and hard-working nature. He also volunteered his time to support other students in the school, giving up many of his lunch times to work with some of our SEN students.

The trophy was awarded jointly by Mr Sillince, as Acting Headteacher when Dan was in Year 11, and Mrs King who is equally proud of him for all the work he continues to do in the Sixth Form.

Well done Dan, and all of our 2017-18 Year 11 students.





**Clubs for Term 1 and 2**

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

There are no changes to the published schedule next week.

The week commencing 12 November is **Blue Week**.

**Show My Homework**

A reminder that students should be accessing and completing their homework through their own logins—not that of their parents.

If they use a parent login, then the work does not show as completed.

Login details are the same as those used to access the school network.

**Geography Fieldtrip to Nettlecombe**

In the final week of Term 1, Year 13 geographers went to Nettlecombe Court Fieldstudies Centre in Somerset to collect data for their coursework. There were long days on cold beaches but they worked together brilliantly and some lovely fieldwork projects have been planned.

It was a great trip with hearty meals, shingle beaches, tourist interviews and some very lucky weather. #geographyrocks

*Miss Davies  
Teacher of Geography, Head of Year 9*



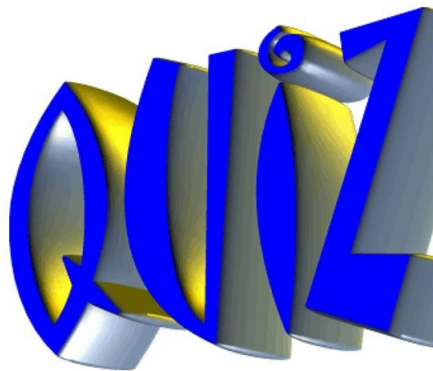
**This week in the LRC...**

As already mentioned, this weekend is the 100th Remembrance Day. In churches, public buildings and private homes throughout Europe, and beyond, people will come together in silent reflection to remember those who fought and died, and others still engaged in warfare today.

Armistice Day, chosen for its numerical appeal, the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, commemorates the end of the First World War, when the armistice was signed by representatives of Germany and the Allies, between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning.

The tradition of *Remembrance* was started by King George V to honour those who fell in the Great War but today its significance is far wider. In the Learning Resource Centre this week we are looking at the many different war experiences that people have lived through in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century. From accounts from soldiers, to civilian victims, heroes to refugees, come in and read about the events that have shaped our country, continent and lives.





**Tickets £10 pp. Pay by cheque made payable to Friends of Bristol Free School and hand in to school reception. Please apply as a team if you can.**

**23 NOV 2018**  
**FoBFS PARENTS' QUIZ AND FISH & CHIPS NIGHT.**

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!

**So good, we're doing it again!**

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

Please note your tickets are only booked on receipt of your cheque. You'll be sent an email to confirm.

No tickets will be provided but we'll email you to confirm

Bar opens at 7, Quiz starts at 7.30



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Events in the next fortnight	
12/11/2018	
13/11/2018	Art Trip to London
14/11/2018	Sixth Form Open Evening, 6:30pm - 8pm
	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, at Backwell School, 1:30pm - 5:30pm
	Y12 to Bristol Uni for French and Spanish Lectures, 12pm
	Y7&8 Girls' Athletics at Orchard School
15/11/2018	FBP & SD Governors Committee Meeting
	U13 (Y7&8) Football Girls' Cup @ Lockleaze Sports Centre
16/11/2018	Monster Confidence (STEM trip)
17/11/2018	
18/11/2018	
19/11/2018	
20/11/2018	Y8 Boys' Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB
	Young Chef Heat, 4pm-7pm in CG23
21/11/2018	Y8 Girls' Netball Festival, at Clifton College Sports Ground
	Y9&10 Girls' Athletics at Orchard School
22/11/2018	Year 9 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
	Year 9 Elite Cup Rugby Final
23/11/2018	HPV Vaccination Y8&9 Girls
	FoBFS Quiz (Common Room)

**Cross Country Success**

There were some incredible results from the Bristol School's Cross Country, hosted by Ashton Park School just before half term. The roll call of results:

Individual results

Y7: Elen – 1st, Corinne – 3rd, Theo – 9th  
 Y8&9: Erin – 4th  
 Y10&11: Bryn – 2nd, Ayman – 6th, Jacob 7th, Zoe – 9th

Team results

Y7 girls: 2nd  
 Y8&9 girls: 5th  
 Y10&11 girls: 3rd  
 Y10&11 boys: 1st!





# Students of the Term



The first week of assemblies this term will be a celebration of achievements in Term 1. Below are the students who were chosen as "Student of the Term" by their tutor (out of their tutor group) or the Year Leader (who selected from the entire year).

These students have made a fantastic start to the year and embodied each of the BFS core values. They should be very proud of themselves; we are certainly very proud of them.

Subject teachers and Subject Leaders also made the same nominations, and these students' names are displayed on the board in D block. These achievement will also be shared in the celebration assemblies.

Well done to all of them!

Term 1	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
TG1	Annabelle Wilson	Oliver Flemming	Arafat Chowdhury
TG2	Phoebe Dorrington	Samuel Bartlett	Skye Caines
TG3	Kate Macdougall	Cleo Holmes	Eleanor Broughton
TG4	James Warner	Grace Minto	Anna Lane
TG5	Noah Rothwell	Lucy Ashworth	Alana Bennett
TG6	Alex Morris	Noah Wedge	Harrison Trump
TG7	Duana Sharapolli	Felix Jordan	Kaci Semple
Year Leader	Ella Male	Agata Rohackova	Adam Powis

Term 1	Year 10	Year 11
TG1	Barney Morris	Esme Hearn
TG2	Dan Phillips	Alex Blacker
TG3	Talya Waters	Dylan Hobbs
TG4	Alex Canwell	Raesah Shakoor
TG5	Kai Worlock	George Osborne
TG6	Neave White	Charlotte McIlree
Year Leader	Talya Waters	Jacob Cook