



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

This week we have started the mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 students which is a crucial staging post for those all-important summer exams. The students' attitude and focus for these exams has been excellent and results will be issued on Monday 17 December during tutor period. I would like to thank Mrs Morris and her fabulous exams' team for their hard work in making sure these mocks have run so smoothly.

FOBFS held their quiz night last Friday which was very well attended and another great success. Thank you to all staff and parents involved.

I have opened up the appointment booking system for the Term 2 Headteacher surgeries; details are outlined in this newsletter. I look forward to those meetings on Wednesday 12 December.

As you can see from this newsletter, term is in full swing and we have lots to look forward to in the build-up to the Christmas period.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## This week in RE



This week in RE Year 7 led an investigation into who was responsible for Jesus's death in a CSI style. They were focussed and engaged and carefully looked over all of the evidence available to them to narrow down their suspects.

They filled out suspect report cards and evidence charts, and worked really well in teams to analyse the key movements of Jesus and his followers in the week leading up to his death. Student Detective Chief Inspector (SDCI) Dexter Hollick is convinced the High Priest was truly responsible – 'he was against Jesus and wanted to send him to his death just for stirring up people's opinions about God.'



SDCI's Chloe Cook, Keria Turner, Annabelle Wilson and Lily Lincoln are sure Simon was really to blame and reports, 'Simon was angry with Jesus and paid money to Judas to betray Jesus on his behalf', whereas SDCI Jacob Cave and Lily Bezuidenhout conclude that it was all down to Judas for 'being paid by the Romans to betray Jesus even though he was supposed to be his friend.'

The class will be making their final decisions and writing up their concluding reports next lesson.

Great work Year 7!



**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 3 December is **Red Week**.

There are no sports clubs running next week as the Interhouse Games (explained to students during tutor time this week) will be taking place—see table opposite.

Date	Year Group
Monday 3 December	YEAR 7 – NETBALL AND RUGBY
Tuesday 4 December	YEAR 8 – NETBALL AND RUGBY
Wednesday 5 December	YEAR 9 – NETBALL AND RUGBY
Thursday 6 December	YEAR 10 AND 11 – NETBALL AND RUGBY
Friday 7 December	ALL YEARS CROSS COUNTRY



**Bebras computational thinking success at Bristol Free School**

In November, 563 KS3, KS4 and KS5 students took part in an international computational thinking competition called Bebras.

This week we received the results and I am overwhelmed with the success our students have had!

- 74 students were in the Top 10% in the country and have been invited to a follow-up competition at Oxford University in March
- 148 students made the Top 25% in the country
- 103 students were in the Top 50% in the country

All students who participated will be receiving their certificates next week and they should be incredibly proud of themselves; the challenges were VERY hard!

Fantastic achievements from all. Well done!

**Fun Fact:** bebras is Lithuanian for beaver and the competition was named by the founders after the hardworking, intelligent and lively animal.

*Mrs Sherman*

**Playwriting**

The Drama department have been working alongside Papatango, a multi-award winning writing company, on an inspiring new playwriting project.

Twenty students from KS3 and 4 worked together in small groups to write a one-act play. These were then rehearsed and performed by professional actors. We are excited that the plays have been published in book format, with a copy for each student and spare copies for the school library.

It was a pleasure to see students’ hard work pay off in what were some creative and unique pieces of theatre.





### Christmas Cake Club

On Monday, Food Technology got festive with the first session of its 'Christmas cake club'.

The aromas of mixed spice and oranges, to name but a few, filled the air, as the students worked hard to stir up a bowl of festive delight. Lots of fun was had by all, including the traditional 'stirring up' whilst making a wish.

We cannot wait to see the finished cakes as they cover and decorate them in the next few weeks.



### Cross-Country Competition

15 of our students braved the elements on Wednesday to compete in the Bristol Schools' Athletics Association Cross Country Competition and Trials, at the Bristol Grammar School grounds in Failand.

We're awaiting final results, but we had a number of students finishing in the top 10—Theo (9<sup>th</sup>), Elen (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Corinne (7<sup>th</sup>).

Well done to all that ran!

Mrs Wynne-Jones

### Year 7 Art Club

Year 7 Art club have been trying their hand at papercraft this term. They have created some fantastic cactus and succulent sculptures using a range of cutting and folding techniques.

Take a look at the Art Club notice board in D block to see more photographs of their outcomes.



Alp Preston 7TG7



Anna Sheldon 7TG5



Tally Jenkins 7TG3



Caspar Goslin 7TG1

### Cyberbullying

The internet has many positive facets, however there is no denying that it has opened up a new world for those who want to bully and belittle others.

The government have provided useful information for parents regarding cyberbullying – it can be found [here](#).

### Student Planners

A reminder that parents need to review student planners and sign to show this has happened.

Students should be using the planner to record homework and other important reminders.



Events in the next fortnight	
03/12/2018	Y11 & Y13 mocks
04/12/2018	Y11 & Y13 mocks MUN to City Hall; Climate Conference
05/12/2018	Y11 & Y13 mocks
06/12/2018	Y11 & Y13 mocks Y10 Bristol Schools' rugby final, 12pm kick off Y9 Guided Choices Evening
07/12/2018	Y11 & Y13 mocks
08/12/2018	
09/12/2018	
10/12/2018	
11/12/2018	Christmas Extravaganza, 7pm (matinee for invited community groups period 5 & 6)
12/12/2018	Headteacher Surgeries, 5pm - 6:30pm Appointment only (see opposite)
13/12/2018	Y11 music coursework recordings Local Governing Body Committee Meeting Y9 Bristol Schools' rugby final, 12pm kick off
14/12/2018	Sixth Former for a Day College Student for a Day FoBFS Cakes and Carols
15/12/2018	Dynamics and Treble Bass performing at WoT Christmas Fair
16/12/2018	

**Headteacher Surgeries**

Mrs King is delighted to meet parents and carers for a short appointment to discuss anything they wish to raise with her.

The next surgeries are on Wednesday 12 December, from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Using the link below, parents and carers will need to follow the login instructions, and then select the event within the booking system.

You will then be given the option to book a slot if one is available. The appointments will last for 10 minutes each, with the surgery lasting 90 minutes in total.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on [admin@bristolreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolreeschool.org.uk) if you have any questions.

**Booking link**

<https://bristolreeschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

**FoBFS News!**

Last Friday's FoBFS quiz was once again a great success and we raised a fantastic £758. Congratulations to our winners "We're gonna need a bigger brain". Many thanks to all who came and to Alison and her team for all their hard work in putting on this fun event. Thanks too to Ms Huzzey, our able and witty quiz master.



FoBFS will be supporting the Christmas Extravaganza and Year 7 Christmas concert. We will also be selling cakes at the end of school on Friday 14 December, so please remember to bring in some money.

**100 Club Winners**

November's lucky winners in our 100 Club prize draw are balls number 7 and 28. They will be contacted shortly.

**Sixth Form Update**

Our Oxbridge and Medicine applicants are starting to receive their offers, with all receiving offers from a range of different universities. Well done to Matt and Ben who have received invites to interview at Oxford for Mathematics and French respectively and to our Medics, Izzy and Josh who are waiting for the details of their interviews.

We are very excited about our 'Sixth Former For A Day' and 'College Student For A Day' on Friday 14 December. Please see our website to get involved. We look forward to welcoming all our external applicants who will be joining us on the day.

Following a special delivery from Buckingham Palace in Mrs Sherman's pigeon hole, we are very proud that Dan and Fiona are the first students to receive their Silver Award for the Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (IDEA)!

Well done!



# BFS All Stars Term 1

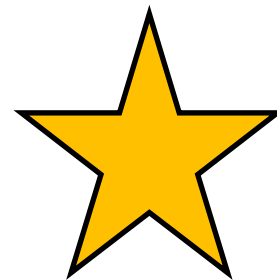
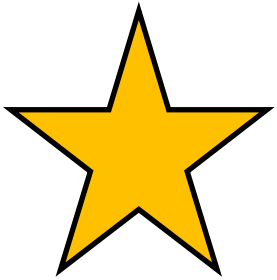


At the end of every term, Mr Truan and the Pastoral Managers collate and celebrate the BFS All Stars.

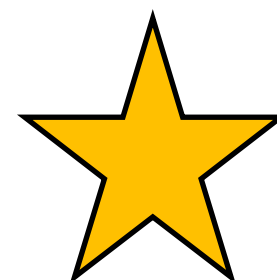
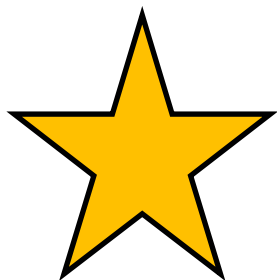
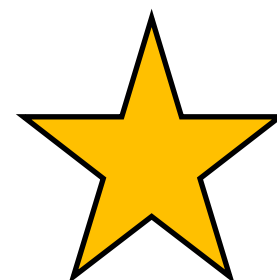
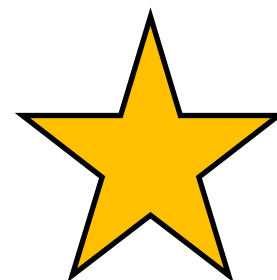
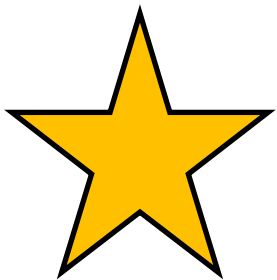
These are students who complete a whole term with 100% attendance, receive no late marks or behaviour points, and receive at least one achievement point.

Below are the Year 9 All Stars for Term 1. Huge congratulations to all of them, and thank you for starting this year at BFS in such an impressive way. We will share the All Stars from the remaining years in the coming weeks.

## Year 9 All Stars



Alana	Bennett	Anna	Lane
Natalie	Bhart	Tom	Lawrence
Skye	Caines	Gwen	Lightburn
Teya	Cankurt	Jaden	McLeary
Arafat	Chowdhury	Laura	McMillan
Sofia	Cocchiara	Elizabeth	Meech
Hugh	Cockerill	Heath	Mitchell
Sarah-Lou	Dickson	Torin	Mott
George	Dodd	Huw	Patterson
Becky	Evans	Rhys	Purnell
Olivia	Fackrell	Jessica	Scott
Boroka	Fischer	Rachel	Scriven
Holly	Foster	Hebe	Simmons
Charlotte	Freke	Ailie	Small
Jayden	Gannaway	Ralph	Smith
Adam	Ghosh	Summer	Spear
James	Glanville	Hannah	Stewart
Edie	Hammond	Isobel	Swan
Isabella	Hawkins	Parth	Trivedi
Alana	Hearn	Harrison	Trump
Ben	Hobbs	Eleanor	Varney
Simon	Hudak	Tom	Watson
Giulia	Iannotta	Molly	Whitrow
Ella	Knight	Lucy	Wilson
Katie	Laity	Charlotte	Woozley





# *BFS Fashion Show*

**Bristol Free School is hosting a fashion show in March 2019.**

You have the opportunity to **design and make an outfit** to feature on the runway.

**Submit your runway design to Miss Burman by Tuesday 18 December.**

These will be judged and the top 10 will move forward to make their garments for the show.

The winners will be announced on the last day of term.

**Theme:**

**Upcycling/Recycling**

**Season:**

**Spring/Summer 2019 or Haute Couture**

**Consideration:**

**Who will your model be?**

If you get through to stage 2 you must be able to make the garments at home, with the support of textiles clubs on a Wednesday after school.

For more information see Miss Burman – CG20