

Christmas Extravaganza!



The music enjoyed and created at BFS is truly special.
Mrs King

Fun, festive talent!
Miss Davies



Well done to the huge variety of acts involved!
Mr Pate



An absolute cracker!
Mr Harris





Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

Christmas celebrations have started here at BFS. On Monday every tutor group in Year 7 performed their interpretation of a popular Christmas song in front of judges and their year group. Christmas jumpers, tinsel and snowballs were the order of the day and three tutor groups were chosen to perform their song and panto performances to an audience of family and friends on Monday 17 December at 5pm. As one of the judges, I strongly recommend going to this event. A big thank you to our fabulous music and drama department who have been rehearsing these performances for weeks.

Our Christmas Extravaganza on Tuesday was a wonderful evening of musical performance and Christmas joy. The audience was treated to a smorgasbord of musical items including jazz band, choirs, a classical orchestra and a ukulele band! Watching our students and staff working together made me so proud that BFS is such a creative and inclusive school; I am appreciative of the many talented staff who supported that event.

On a final note I need to stress that term does not end until 12:30pm on Friday 21 December. Lessons will be focused on learning and covering the curriculum content until this point. Year 11 lessons are particularly important as they will involve unpicking their GCSE mock papers following mock results day on Monday. Full attendance is needed please—see the [website](#) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Rugby success!

On Thursday 6 December, the Year 10 boys played Ashton Park in the final of the Bristol Schools' Rugby Cup. They played at Lockleaze Sports Centre on a very wet and muddy afternoon. Ashton Park were boasting 13 club players, including 4 Bristol development players. However despite this, we started the stronger of the 2 teams.

The first try came in the opening 4 minutes when Theo crashed over the whitewash. Bailey then successfully kicked an important conversion to give us a 7-point lead.

A well-drilled Ashton Park side hit back with 2 tries in the next 30 minutes. Their kicker was unsuccessful with the conversion attempts, to give them a 10-7 lead. Step up Etienne! A fantastic solo effort from inside his own half saw Etienne repel the attempts of 5 or 6 Ashton defenders to score with a flamboyant swan dive in the corner. The angel proved too much for Bailey for the kick and we held a narrow 12-10 lead.

Ashton Park were relentless in their attacks, but we stood firm and defended bravely to finish 12-10 winners and retain our undefeated title—Bristol Schools' Rugby Cup Champions!



On Thursday 13 December, the Year 9 boys travelled back to Lockleaze to play Ashton Park school again. We made a bright start with James scoring an early try. We put together some really good rugby and attacked with flair and precision. Tom was elusive in his running, finishing with a hat-trick of tries.

Ashton Park continually kicked the ball to Harvey at full-back who punished them with his direct and probing runs, helping, along with Caleb, to unlock our powerful back line. Joel, Andrew and Jayden benefitted from the accurate distribution from the back, and the forwards also contributed, with heavy, robust running. Oscar and Luke crashed over the line for a brace of tries. Harvey kicked 8 of the 10 conversions on offer to complete a comprehensive 71-0 win, crowning BFS the Bristol Schools' Rugby Champions again!

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 17 December is **Red Week**.

Please note there will be no Programming Club on 20 December.

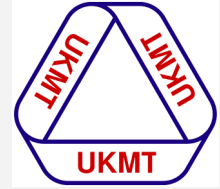
There will be no clubs in the first week of Term 3, including homework club.

Senior Maths Challenge Correction

Last week, we celebrated the results of the Senior Maths Challenge. Unfortunately, two names were missed off in error.

Congratulations to Hannah Warren and David Warner in Year 12 for their Bronze certificates!

We still eagerly await the results of the Senior Kangaroo, which the gold certificate students entered at the end of November. We will share them as soon as we receive them!



Exam Certificates for Collection

GCSE and A level certificates for exams taken in the summer of 2018 are ready for collection. These are available for collection from the school main reception between Monday 17 December to Thursday 21 December from 9am & 3pm.

If a student is unable to collect in person, they may nominate someone to collect on their behalf. They must write a letter authorising the nominated person and this must be signed and dated. The nominated person must bring photo ID with the letter.

Please keep your certificates in a safe place, as the exam boards charge up to £50 to replace each one and some awarding bodies do not offer a replacement certificate service.

Any certificates not collected after 12 months will be destroyed in accordance with JCQ guidelines.

Events in the next fortnight

17/12/2018	Year 7 Christmas Concert, 5pm - 6:30pm
18/12/2018	
19/12/2018	Whole School Christmas Celebrations: Christmas Jumper Day and lunch Sixth Form Christmas Social
20/12/2018	Dynamics Choir at Southmead Hospital, 2:30pm
21/12/2018	BFS UCAS deadline for all other courses
22/12/2018— 06/01/2019	Christmas Holidays
07/01/2019	Inset Day—school closed to students
08/01/2019	
09/01/2019	Year 12 at Bristol University, Higher Education Fair
10/01/2019	Year 11 Subject Evening, 4:30pm - 7pm Berlin 2019 Trip Information Evening, 7:15pm (Common Room)
11/01/2019	
12/01/2019	
13/01/2019	

Year 11 Subject Evening

Year 11 Subject Evening is on Thursday 10 January.

The online booking system is open now for you to make appointments—you should have received an email.

If you have not received login details, please contact the school to request them.

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper on Wednesday 19 December!

Suggested donation is £1 raising money for the Bristol Homeless Shelter.



BFS All Stars Term 1

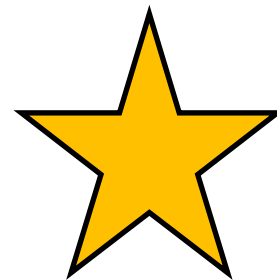
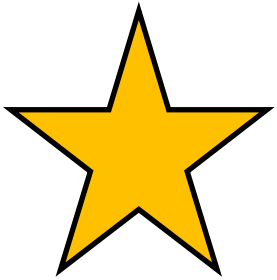


At the end of every term, Mr Truan and the Pastoral Managers collate and celebrate the BFS All Stars.

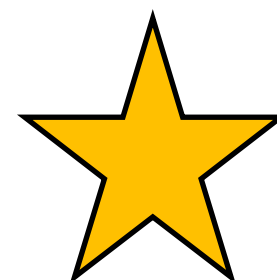
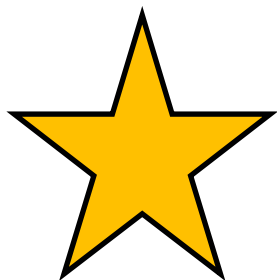
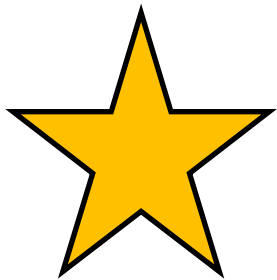
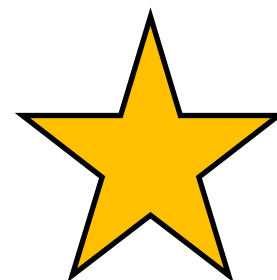
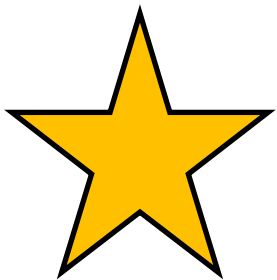
These are students who complete a whole term with 100% attendance, receive no late marks or behaviour points, and receive at least one achievement point.

Below are the Year 11 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 11 All Stars



Ayman	Benarous
Mia	Budenis
Ben	Chalkley
Jacob	Cook
Nina	Courtney
Oliver	Dayus
Cameron	Garbutt
Olivia	Gilbert
Poppy	Glasson
Josh	Godfrey
Elizabeth	Guest
Safiyah	Hayat
Esme	Hearn
Oliver	Henderson
Joel	House
Danella	Kisanga
Catherine	Lloyd
Charlotte	Mclree
Arya	Moholkar
Lucas	Morgan
Matthew	Peacock
Kiernan	Prinsloo
Ellie	Purnell
Ailsa	Reid
Elisa	Saunders
Raesah	Shakoor
Gabriel	Simmons
Angharad	Stafford



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