



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

Today Year 9 took part in Pathways Day, which involved a series of talks from universities and further education providers. Our Year 9 students were fantastic, asking a range of intelligent questions about their future career options. I would like to thank Ms Huzzey for organising all the speakers and the programme for the day. Today is part of our guidance and support for the option process. The all-important options form has been emailed to parents and carers yesterday and it needs to be returned by Monday 4 February so we can plan their curriculum for next year.

I would also like to thank all staff, parents and students who attended Year 12 and Year 13 Subject Evening yesterday. As always, this was a well-attended and extremely important event, which ensures that our students have the right advice and support to achieve their goals and ambitions.

Next week year groups will be having celebration assemblies to congratulate the large number of students who have excellent attendance and have shown consistent effort throughout Term 2.

All students in Year 7 to Year 10 will be reading for pleasure in tutor time this term, so please check they are bringing a reading book to school every day.

Thank you.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Important information about accessing the school site

Punctuality

Students should be on site for 8:20am. The bell goes at 8:25am, ready for lessons to begin at 8:30am. Therefore if students are only arriving on site at 8:30am they will be late for their lessons.

Gate Arrangements – Mornings

The student gates open at 8:00am and close at 8:30am.

Students must use the main student gate on Concorde Drive or the Burghill Road gate. Students must not use the car park gate in the mornings. Please note that the Burghill Road gate is closed promptly at 8:30am, so there will be no access the site from the Burghill Road gate after this time.

All late students must walk round to Concorde Drive Student Gate and report to Student Services. This is quite a distance, which is all the more reason why students should arrive at school in good time to begin lessons at 8.30am.

Gate Arrangements – Afternoons

The two student gates on Concorde Drive and Burghill Road are open from 3:00 – 3:15pm to allow students to leave at the end of the school day. These gates are then locked and so all students attending after-school activities should leave school through the car park gate.

Please note that this is a change to previous systems.



Year 9 Pathways Day

Year 9 students will soon be making their option choices for their GCSEs in Year 10.

To help focus their minds on their future aspirations, a group of energetic student volunteers from a variety of local higher education institutions, including the University of Bristol, University of Bath, Bath Spa University and the University of Gloucestershire, came to deliver sessions about University life and routes into higher education.

Students also had the opportunity to ask older students from Year 10 and Year 12 about their experiences of GCSEs during a bracing 'speed networking' session in tutor time.

Year 9 students still have their GCSE taster sessions to look forward to before making their final decisions by **Monday 4 February**.



Clubs for Term 3 and 4

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the Easter break.

There are no changes to the published schedule next week.

The week commencing 21 January 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...



Admission Arrangements Consultation

Please see our website for details of a consultation regarding a proposed change to our admission arrangements for 2020-21.

The consultation is open from Thursday 20 December 2018 to Thursday 31 January 2019.

The full draft policy can be read at <https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/>. Paper copies are also available on request.

Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be emailed to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk and marked for the attention of the Admissions Officer.

Appointments during the school day

A reminder that appointments should be made outside of the school day where possible.

In instances where this is not feasible, please provide the school with at least 24 hours' notice.

This applies to any appointment requiring your child to leave site.

Bristol Free School Fund

A big thank you to those parents who have contributed to the Bristol Free School Fund via BT Donate.

If you would like to do so, the link can be found [here](#).

Your donations will make a positive difference for all the children in our school and we are very appreciative of the support the school is receiving from parents.



Events in the next fortnight	
21/01/2019	Sixth Form interviews (3-5pm)
	Year 12 exams
22/01/2019	Year 12 exams
	Under 16 Girls' football vs Redland Green School, away at RGS
23/01/2019	SCS Governors' Committee Meeting
	Year 12 exams
24/01/2019	Year 12 exams
25/01/2019	Year 12 exams
26/01/2019	
27/01/2019	
28/01/2019	
29/01/2019	Year 11 ensemble performance evening (GCSE Music), 6pm
30/01/2019	Under 16 Girls' football vs Colston's Girls' School, away at Clifton College Sports Ground
31/01/2019	Year 8 subject evening 4:30pm - 7pm
01/02/2019	Social Justice Conference trip
02/02/2019	
03/02/2019	

Athletic Success!

The Year 9 girls' and Year 9 boys' teams both qualified for the Sports Hall Athletics' Finals last week.

All students performed amazingly well with the girls finishing in 3rd place whilst the boys finished 1st out of six schools on the day.

Special mentions to Tom, Luke, Jayden, Lucy and Summer for outstanding performances during the track and field events.

Well done to you all!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Keep reading for an exciting event coming up in March...
Tickets go on sale from Student Services on Monday!





Ladies' Fashion Show **AND** Pop-up Shop!

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT 50% OFF OR MORE!**

Colours.

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FASHION SHOWS**



Refreshments provided by FoBFS



**Tuesday 19th March 2019
BFS Fashion Show**

Hosted by and supporting your D&T department, as well as schools and communities in Nepal

Venue: Bristol Free School

Featuring upcycled garments created by the winners of BFS Design competition

Doors open 6pm, show starts 6.30pm

Tickets: £5

VIP Tickets: £7.50 *guaranteed front row seat*

VIP tickets must be purchased by 15th February. Limited Availability

Tickets to be purchased in advance.

Charity raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:

dtfac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk or 0117 9597200

