



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

Winter is still with us! The weather has dramatically taken a turn for the worse and unfortunately I made the decision to close the school today, and postpone the Year 8 Subject Evening yesterday for safety reasons. I am optimistic we will be open again on Monday. I ask parents and carers to keep checking their emails for messages via ParentPay, and we will keep the website up to date with any changes should the weather deteriorate again.

Due to the very low temperatures at the moment, I urge all students to wrap up warm and wear a coat when they travel to and from school.

In the meantime we have the weekly newsletter for you. This week includes some important notices, dates and deadlines, and some of the creative activities that have been happening this week.

I wish you all a safe and warm weekend.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## This week in Food Technology

In Year 9 Food Technology, students completed the Tunnock Teacake Challenge. It is a national competition where students have to produce a plate with a focus on the presentation of a Tunnock's Teacake. Marks are given for creativity, presentation, skills and adding balance to the plate.

DT group 9A4 did a great job in creating some amazing looking plates. The class awarded Juliette the 'D&T Creative Director' Award.

Meanwhile, the Year 11s have been finishing their trialling period for their exam questions on British Street Food or innovative dishes for lacto-vegetarians.

Mrs King was delighted with the technical skill and high quality presentation of these trials.



**Creative Director Award**  
Juliette 9A4



Celia Castellano



Alban Prifti



Mia Budenis

**Clubs for Term 3 and 4**

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

The week commencing 4 February is **Blue Week**.

**Year 8 Subject Evening**

Following the weather warnings on Thursday, the decision was made to postpone the Year 8 Subject Evening.

This will now take place on Wednesday 13 February. Appointments that were booked for 31 January have been moved to the new date, so please login to the online booking system and make any amendments as required.

If you have not received login details for the booking system, please check the junk folder of your mailbox.

**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 Thursday 7 February, 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@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) if you have any questions.

**Booking link**

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

**Events in the next fortnight**

04/02/2019	Sixth Form Interviews (3-5pm)
05/02/2019	Dr Andrew Green (Brunel University) - A Level Literature Lectures (Y13)
	Year 10 Solo Performance Evening (GCSE Music), 6pm
	Girls' Football: U16 vs Orchard School, away
05/02/2019	Girls' Netball: Y7 vs Henbury, home
	Boys' Football: Y8 & Y9 vs Henbury, away
06/02/2019	School History Scene Trip (Y11)
	Boys' Football: Y7 Blue & Y10 vs Henbury, away
07/02/2019	Y11&13 Berlin Trip
	Headteacher Surgeries 5-6:30pm. Appointment only
	Girls' Football: U14 vs Cathedral, away
	UKMT Maths Challenge
08/02/2019	Y11&13 Berlin Trip
09/02/2019	Y11&13 Berlin Trip
10/02/2019	Y11&13 Berlin Trip
11/02/2019	Flying Start Competition, Aerospace Museum
12/02/2019	Girls' Netball: Y8 Bristol Schools' Final vs St Bernadette's, away
	Boys' Football: Y7 Red vs St Bede's, away
13/02/2019	Sixth Form Interviews (3-5pm)
	Year 8 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
14/02/2019	DofE Bronze information evening, 4:30pm
	Girls' Football: U14 vs Cathedral, home
15/02/2019	Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline
	Last day of Term 3
16/02/2019	<i>Hollow Trees</i> (Folk Band) performance at Southmead Library, 3-4pm

**Year 9 GCSE Option Forms**

A reminder that the deadline for Year 9 students to submit their choices for the GCSEs they wish to take is on Monday.

All forms must be returned to school on 4 February.

**Attendance Matters**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please make sure that you let us know in advance for emergency medical appointments. Non-emergency appointments should be after school where possible.

Absences due to ill health on the day should be reported before 8:30am, ideally using the Studybugs App or website: <https://studybugs.com/>

We recommend that you use the App which is easily downloadable for both Apple and Android devices. If a student is absent and we have not received notification, then you will receive an automated text or phone call from Truancy Call.

Guidance about illnesses and student absence can be found on our [website](#).

### Catering Update

We have recently introduced a range of new products to replace those that were proving less popular.

Have you tried our Nacho Twin Tex Mex Graze Pot, or perhaps the loaded Sweet Potato Fries?

We have a Theme Day coming up next Tuesday, 5 February, celebrating the Chinese New Year. Look out for the posters advertising this event. Two courses will cost just £2.50.



Our £2.50 meal deal represents excellent value every day in the Dining Hall – you can enjoy the two course Hot Meal of the Day or perhaps have a Filled Jacket Potato or Pasta Main Course served with the dessert of the day



### Student Feedback Survey

As part of our partnership with Bristol Free School, we are keen to hear your thoughts and comments around your catering offer. The Student Feedback Survey is now available to use – please click on this link to be taken to the survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/INN\\_Survey1819](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/INN_Survey1819)

Your feedback is confidential and will be collated on behalf of the School by Innovate.

We hope that you will take 5 minutes to complete the survey as your opinion really does matter and you can help to shape the catering offer at Bristol Free School – thank you.

### Changes to the A4018

Bristol City Council is proposing changes to improve the A4018. One of their aims is to invest in public transport to keep the road flowing to support local residents, businesses and tackle the increase in demand on the road due to housing development on the former Filton Airfield site. The other aim is to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for students attending schools in the local area.

The consultation will be going live next Monday, where local residents and organisations are invited to comment on the proposals.

You can make your comments on the online hub here: [www.bristol.gov.uk/a4018improvements](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/a4018improvements)

They are also holding several drop-in sessions to discuss the proposals at Westbury and Henbury libraries:

Saturday 9 February 11:15am – 3:45pm (Westbury)  
 Monday 11 February 11:15am – 3:45pm (Westbury)  
 Saturday 23 February 11:15am-3:45pm (Henbury)  
 Wednesday 27 February 2:15pm-6:45pm (Henbury)  
 Monday 4 March 2:15pm-6:45pm (Westbury)





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

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**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](mailto:dtfac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) or 0117 9597200

