



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

This week we have been blessed with unseasonably warm sunny days and longer hours in the daylight, a stark contrast from 1 March 2018, when the whole country experienced snow from the Beast from the East! Let's hope this is the start of more mild sunny weather, so students can be outside more during social times.

Year 11 and Year 13 have made a focused and positive start to their mock 2 exams this week. We will be marking and feeding back to them quickly so they know precisely the areas they need to focus on. We have more Period 7 revision sessions built in this term and are planning to run Easter revision sessions in the first week of the holiday, as we move closer to the GCSE and A Level exams this summer. More details will be sent to you about the times and dates of these sessions in the coming weeks.

BFS now has a parent governor vacancy which is a great opportunity for you to become more involved in the strategic direction of your school. A letter explaining the procedure is attached with this newsletter. I would encourage parents and carers with a range of skills and expertise to consider applying.

Year 10 Subject Evening appointments will be open from 5pm today using our parents' evening app.

Happy St David's Day, and the official start to spring.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Folk Band—*Hollow Trees*—at Southmead Library

On Saturday 16 February, *Hollow Trees* broke the usual silence expected in a library, and performed as part of the Southmead Music Club.

The band performed a range of traditional folk pieces, as well as some contemporary folk-pop, from Bob Dylan to Vance Joy. The 'Knit and Natter' ladies were enthralled, and crept closer to the stage track by track.

A particular highlight for all involved, was Matthew's rendition of "I've got a brand new combine-harvester" which Mr Pate thought important to perform at a Bristol-based folk performance.

The band did a brilliant job, and have asked to return again later in the year.

Well done everyone!

Mr Pate



Boys' Rugby Match Report—Bristol Schools' Rugby Sevens Tournament

The Year 10 boys' rugby sevens team travelled to Colston's School to compete in the tournament. Our team was a group of talented, but relatively inexperienced rugby players, so our chances were uncertain. We had been entered into a 4-team pool consisting of Clifton High School, Colston's and St Bede's, with the top 2 teams progressing through to the semi-final.

The opening game was a tough one; Colston's were first up, at home! This resulted in a 0-10 loss, which is not a bad result against one of the best teams in the country. The second game was against Clifton High, and this turned out to be a very different affair. We scored 6 tries, but no conversions, meaning the final score was 30-0. Needing a win to progress out of the group, we met St Bede's in our final pool game. After playing some scintillating rugby with ball in hand, coupled with our steadfast defence we ran in another 6 tries, finishing the game 35-0. These results saw us finish second in the group, behind Colston's, meaning a semi-final against QEH.

A little apprehensive of things to come against one of the leading independent schools in the South West, we took the field. The boys really shone in this game. Kyle W had the game of his life on the right wing. He was a rock in defence, putting in numerous important tackles and stopping their winger in his tracks. He was complimented by Jack S on the left wing whose speed and exhilarating running left defenders in his wake. Peter P was a rucking machine, ensuring our ball came back from contact. Dan P was tenacious in defence and silky in attack, providing some nice running lines and clever passes. James R, nursing a knee injury, showed his usual grit and determination to carry the ball hard and front up well in defence.

After a cagey first few minutes, we drew first blood, with Bailey T, cover tackle extraordinaire, adding a very important extra 2 points with the drop goal conversion. The boys were playing well as a team of seven, marshalled brilliantly by Theo B. This was coupled with his bone-shuddering tackling, destructive running and off loading that Sonny-Bill Williams would have been proud of, meant we kept a great mix of attacking flair and defensive structure. This meant that despite QEH scoring (but missing the conversion), we soon scored again. Joey R, with his elusive fast feet, linked well with the back line to see us cross the white wash. Bailey again added the extras. The game finished 14-10, and we were in the final!

The final proved a bridge too far. After injuries to Jacob H and James R, we were left with just seven fit players in the squad. The final 14 minutes were too much as we lost 0-15 to Colston's in the final. To rub salt into the wounds, Paddy P and Isfahan Q (ex-BFS students) both scored in the final. However, runners up of the Bristol Schools' Rugby Sevens is a massive achievement and the boys should be very proud.

Mr Tolman



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 **Red Week**.

Flying Start Congratulations

Three of our fantastic Year 7s are through to the final of the Flying Start Challenge. They will be off to the British Fleet Air Arm Museum on 27 March.

Well done to Leah Hopson, Ruby Hopson and Maha Ehmen!

Girls' Football Match Report—U14 vs Oasis Brightstowe

On a gloriously warm February afternoon, our U14 girls' football team took to the pitch against Oasis Brightstowe (OAB).

Summer and Charlotte dominated play in the midfield, getting the ball out wide to Lucy G, who ran rings around their full-back, crossing the ball into Lasharna who scored a great poacher's effort for our first goal. With dominant possession, Amber doubled our lead shortly after. We went into half time 2-2, after conceding from the only two attacks OAB had in the whole of the first half.

The girls started the second half positively, with solid defending from Lucy A and Hebe. Lucy G scored a hat-trick in the second half to secure the win, making it a more comfortable 5-2 result.

Players' player vote was for Lucy G, meaning she has achieved a 100% record for being voted as players' player in EVERY fixture she's played in this year—a fantastic effort!

Mrs Ballard



North Bristol NHS Trust Careers Open Evening

On Thursday 14 March from 5:30pm – 8:00pm, North Bristol NHS Trust will be hosting an open evening which will give students the chance to explore the various careers available within the NHS. This will be held in the Learning & Research Building at Southmead Hospital. There will be a range of roles and professions at the event. In addition there will be various stands covering:



- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Return to Practice for Nurses and Midwives
- Trainee Nursing Associates
- Work experience / observational days
- Functional skills (Maths and English, ICT)
- Allied Health Professions
- Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Recruitment

If you would like more information regarding NHS careers see links below:

<https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/careers/career-options/apprenticeships> or <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

For further information about this open evening, please contact the Staff Development Team: workexperience@nbt.nhs.uk or call 0117 4149239

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 is now live, and 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

There is one more drop-in session scheduled to discuss the proposals at Westbury library:

Monday 4 March 2:15pm-6:45pm
Westbury Library, Falcondale Road, Westbury, BS9 3JZ

Events in the next fortnight	
04/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
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	Boys' Football: Y7 Red and Y11 vs Cotham, at Kellaway Avenue
	Girls' Football: U16 vs Redland Green, away
	Girls' Football: U14 vs St Bede's, away
06/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	Girls' Football: Y7 Football Festival, South Bristol Sports Centre
07/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
08/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	International Women's Day
	Year 12 Maths Inspiration Trip, 1pm
	Year 10 STEM girls to M49 Avonmouth Junction Project
09/03/2019	
10/03/2019	
11/03/2019	BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK (all week)
	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	Hollow Trees perform at St Monica's Trust, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
	Year 9 Rugby 7s, 2pm kick off @ Colston's Collegiate
12/03/2019	Year 11 & 13 Mocks
	Year 12 at UCAS Exhibition
	Science Made Simple show; <i>Engineering for Life</i> (Y7, 8 and 9)
13/03/2019	Sixth Form Pastoral Day
	Year 10 Maths Feast
14/03/2019	Year 10 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
	DofE Skills Day (Bronze, Silver & Gold)
15/03/2019	Supernova playing live at BFS (FoBFS event)
16/03/2019	
17/03/2019	

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