



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

This week GCSE and A Level exams have started and I would like to thank the Heads of Year and the Sixth Form team for their pastoral support during this pressured time. We all wish the students the very best of luck, and know they are prepared for their exams and deserve to do well.

The rest of the school has enjoyed the fine weather that the exam season usually brings with lots of opportunities to use our new picnic benches at break and lunchtime. Mr Ashley, our Acting Site Manager, has done a great job assembling the new benches, and I am very grateful to him for his hard work.

Uniform is a focus for us at the moment. Please check that your child's uniform is complying with our [uniform policy](#); if you are unsure about an item of clothing please check with your child's Tutor or Year Leader as we will be adopting a zero-tolerance approach after half term. We are very proud of how smart most of our young people look at the moment and I thank you for your support with keeping these high standards.

We have heard from a number of volunteers to participate in the Bristol Girl's Conference on 1 July; it has been fascinating to see the wide range of women's careers that are represented from BFS. Thank you for finding the time to support this important event.

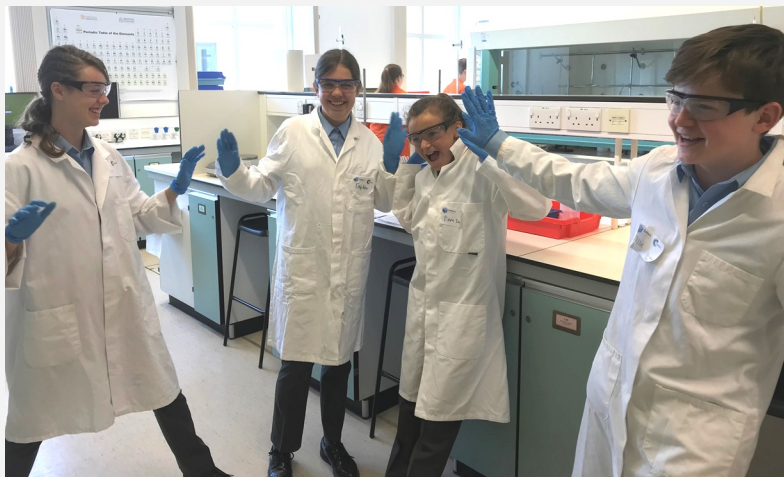
We are organising our own careers day for Year 9 and Year 10 students on Thursday 18 July and we are looking for any parent or friend of BFS who would be willing to talk and answer questions to small groups of students about their working life. We want to showcase a wide variety of careers so support would be much appreciated. Please email my PA, Miss Holyoake, if you are able to help.

Yesterday I attended a talk to headteachers from across Bristol from Engine Shed (who support diversity in the future workforce). They explained that Bristol's economy is thriving at the moment and there are many exciting career opportunities for our young people. It was explained to us that employers in Bristol are looking for confident, adaptable young people who are eager to learn new skills. There are now many more routes into careers than traditionally was the case so a high quality careers education is something we are determined to provide so our young people can access these exciting opportunities.

Have a good weekend.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry



A dream team of super-chemists were chosen to represent BFS at the prestigious annual Salters' Institute Festival of Chemistry at the University of Bristol this week. Emily, Pippa, Anna and Ollie were keen to get started on the challenges, and were presented with an advanced chromatography and ion test. They came together as a team and used all their practical skills to come up with some brilliant results.

After lunch it was on to the most difficult of the tasks. Emily and Pippa were trusted to use the most advanced equipment in the lab to identify their samples with Anna and Ollie doing further analysis. They were marked on their accuracy and skill as well as safety and efficiency, with one esteemed judge commenting to Miss Board that they were certainly the most enthusiastic team!

The excitement carried on throughout the afternoon as we watched a dynamic chemistry demonstration from the incomparable Tim Harrison, who not only took a shower in liquid nitrogen, but sent a river of it flowing under our feet!

### Student Corner

The student corner is a piece by one of our students sharing something relevant to them, in or out of school. This week, Jess Scott writes about the Ten Tors Challenge.

Last weekend there were 6 BFS students who took part in the Ten Tors Challenge in Dartmoor. Ten Tors is an army run event where teenagers from 14-19 years old walk from 35 – 55 miles over two days. All competitors had to complete 6 months of training that started with day hikes and then progressed to whole weekend hikes. Overall competitors had from 7am on Saturday until 5pm on Sunday to finish. My team completed the 35mile walk by 1.30pm on the Sunday. Everyone from BFS completed the challenge and received a medal and a pasty. The BBC wrote an article about the event which you can read in this link.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-devon-48243488>

I really enjoyed the walk (and the weather!) I hope to compete again next year.

*Jess Scott, Year 9*

### Year 8 Foodbank Donations

The Year 8's have been taking part in a Tutor Challenge to raise as many donations as possible for our North Bristol Foodbanks. The year group managed to collect 268 items for the food bank; a very impressive amount!

We took 6 of our students to Ebenezer Church in Horfield to drop off all of their items. Matt, the manager of the local food banks of North Bristol, explained how the Trussell Trust works nationally, and what we as a school can do to support our local community of food banks.

I am very proud of my year group for this hugely generous piece of work.

*Mrs Giblin*





**Clubs for Term 5 and 6**

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

The week commencing 20 May is **Blue Week**.

**Little Shop of Horrors**

There was an omission in the cast list published in our newsletter on 3 May. Well done to Dexter Hollick, who was part of the ensemble, for a sterling performance.

**Apprenticeship opportunity**

Press Commercial Bodyworks have shared with us details of apprenticeships that would appeal to anyone with an interest in cars or trucks. There are a variety of roles which could lead to a fabulous career.

Please contact [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) if you would like us to pass the information to you.

**Bristol Parent Carers**

Bristol Parent Carers are hosting their annual event at the Trinity Centre on 6 June. For more information, please go to: [www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk](http://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk)

**Art update**

It has been such a busy and creative time in the Art dep. I would like to congratulate all of the Year 11s and Year 13s who sat their Art exams and produced some high quality pieces that will be exhibited next term. See our poster at the end of this newsletter for a glimpse of their fantastic final pieces.

We have also collaborated with local primary schools in the area for the NW24 Art competition which was judged by a well known Bristol based artist, Andy Council. A huge congratulations to Lily Lincoln in Year 7 for winning her category! Her piece is below.

Mrs Stokes and I were inundated with so many wonderful entries and it was very hard to choose a finalist. We have decided to award some more prizes, one for each of the different specialisms. Watch this space for the runners up...

Lastly a big thank you to everyone that has donated materials to the Art department this year, we are very grateful.

*Miss Dawson*



**Events in the next fortnight**

20/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	Y7&8 boys' cricket vs City Academy (away)
21/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	Year 10 Music Recital
22/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	PGL
23/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	Y7&8 girls' Rounders vs Cotham (at Greenway)
24/05/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	PGL
25/05/2019	
26/05/2019	
27/05/2019	<b>HALF TERM</b>
	Madrid trip
28/05/2019	Madrid trip
29/05/2019	Madrid trip
30/05/2019	Madrid trip
31/05/2019	
01/06/2019	
02/06/2019	
03/06/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
04/06/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	Sports Leaders at WoTA Sports Day
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06/06/2019	Y7-10 girls' Rounders vs St Bede's (away)
	GCSE and A Level Exams
07/06/2019	FBP & SD Governors Committee Meeting
	Music Tour information evening, 5pm
08/06/2019	GCSE and A Level Exams
	Hollow Trees (folk band) at the Festival of Nature, 11:30am
09/06/2019	U14 Netball Cup @ UWE, 4-7pm





# ART EXHIBITION

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GCSE & A LEVEL

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