



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

Today saw our Year 11s sit their final GCSE exam and I must commend them for their calm and mature attitude. They deserve every success in the summer when the results arrive on Thursday 22 August. Year 13 are also almost at the finishing line and they too have been excellent role models. We look forward to celebrating the end of their studies at their respective summer balls.

Year 10s braved the weather this week and had two highly successful Geography field trips; they were an absolute credit to the school. As part of their research, Karim interviewed the Mayor of Bristol. We look forward to reviewing the mayor's comments on the regeneration of Bristol's harbourside.

This week a letter was sent home about Sports Day, which is taking place on 5 July. Please make sure you read it carefully, as we hold this event off site at Coombe Dingle. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that the summer will return by then.

Next week we have a trust-wide conference taking place and so there will be no newsletter. However, the following week will be a bumper edition, packed with updates on the many trips and events that are happening at this end of the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## Geography Field Trip

Come rain or shine, field trips need to be completed by our geographers in order for them to complete their coursework.

This year's cohort have excelled themselves. Their hard work and dedication to their fieldwork was highly impressive. Despite adverse weather conditions and a few wet feet (Buster and Ameer!), they have shown high levels of resilience when collecting data.

All staff have commented that there are talented potential candidates for A-level geography within the group - move over Greta Thunberg!

*Mr Green*



I really enjoyed the geography field trip! We measured the width, depth, velocity, and bedload of the river. Using the Hippocampe (the wheelchair), Mr Curtis and a few teachers helped me on the very steep terrain! I enjoyed hanging out with my friends. I hope I use the results effectively in my exam.

*Tom, 10TG4*

## 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, Sam Bartlett, one of our Wellbeing Ambassadors, explains their recruitment drive...*

Hello, we are the Wellbeing Ambassadors and we are here to tell BFS students about a new chance to become one of us.

This is a great opportunity for current Year 7 and 8 students to help the Year 6s coming into Year 7 in September and it will truly help them settle in. We should know—we are the professionals! Having been Wellbeing Ambassadors for quite some time now (you can stay in post until you start Year 10), we have enjoyed the different element it brings to our day. As a member of this group you get the responsibility and the honour of taking on one of the hardest tasks of all time; taking care of a Year 7 tutor group. We truly recommend it because of all the opportunities and fun that we've had.

Application forms will be available from Student Services on Wednesday 19 June, and need to be returned by Monday 24 June. Thank you for reading this newsletter entry. We hope we have some applications from you. Please ask one of us, or Miss Gould, if you have any questions.

*Sam Bartlett, 8TG4*

### Beatboxing Workshop



On Thursday 6 June, a group of 30 students from Year 8 and 9, went to take part in a workshop with beatboxer and sound artist Jason Singh.

Jason gave incredible performances using just his voice and a loop pedal, and then demonstrated the basic sounds in beatboxing (the kick drum, hi hat and snare, using the letters "b" "t" and "k" if you want to try it at home!) He also encouraged students to be creative with their voices, making beats using coughs, clicks, whistles and more.



Jason was really impressed with the emerging talent at BFS and the students (most of whom had never been on a music trip before) loved his enthusiasm and skill.

### Hollow Trees at the Festival of Nature

On Saturday 8 May our folk band, *Hollow Trees*, performed in Millennium Square, as part of the Bristol Festival of Nature.

It was a lovely sunny day (remember those?!) and the sound of the band's music filled the square, attracting a big crowd. Folk band favourites like *Loch Lomond* and *Five Hundred Miles* by Peter, Paul and Mary went down really well, with the audience being impressed by the vocal harmonies and skilful playing.

The band's next performance will be at the Keynsham Music Festival, alongside jazz band *Treble Bass*.





### Clubs for Term 5 and 6

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the end of the year. Please note that Yoga has moved to Thursdays.

The week commencing 17 June is **Red Week**.

### Uniform Focus

As per the letter sent before half term, we will be focussing on uniform over the coming weeks.

To clarify: if a student has a genuine reason for not having the correct uniform, they must go and see their Year Leader at the start of the day (before period 1) with a note in their planner from parents/carers, explaining the issue and when it will be resolved.

Year Leaders will then decide on next steps, such as whether to provide the student with a temporary uniform pass until the problem is resolved, or if a loan of a piece of uniform is more suitable.

As Year 11 celebrate the end of their exams, we would be grateful for donations of uniform to ensure we have enough stock to lend to students where required. We are particularly low on ties at the moment.

Please bring any uniform donations to main reception.

### Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Summer Ball, Wednesday 26 June

Key details for the Year 11 leavers' events are as follows:

#### Leavers' Assembly

Students need to arrive at Bristol Free School by 10:55am and head to straight to the drama hall for the leavers' assembly. Students will need to wear school uniform. The assembly will be followed by a light brunch in the canteen and students will be expected to leave the school site by midday. There will be an opportunity for signing shirts if students wish to do this, after the assembly.

#### Summer Ball

Students who are going to summer ball will collect their summer ball ticket after the Year 11 leavers' assembly.

The ball starts at 7pm and the venue is [Leigh Court](#). The summer ball will finish at 11pm; please ensure students are collected no later than this time.

Please note that the school reserves the right to refuse entry or send students home if we believe they are intoxicated or if their behaviour does not meet our expectations.

We have organised a professional photographer to be at the ball. They will be selling prints on the night, so if you would like your child to purchase a photo, the photographer has advised that individual prints will cost between £5-10. There will be a photo box provided on the night where there will be no charge for the photographs.

We look forward to celebrating the end of GCSEs with our students.

### Volunteers needed

Can you spare some time to give young people an insight into your job and how your career has developed?

On Thursday 18 July we will be hosting a careers day. We are looking for people working in a wide variety of roles across the work force, to talk about their jobs, the skills that they use and to take questions from our students.

Please email the school, marked for the attention of Miss Holyoake, PA to the Headteacher, if you can help.

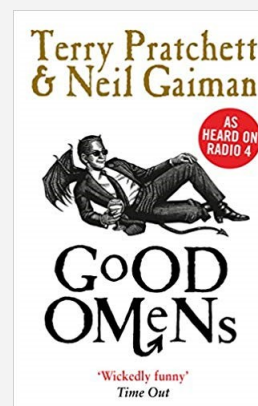
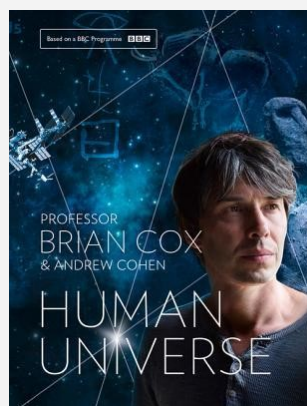
### LRC news

Next month it will be 50 years since the first moon landing. To honour this momentous event, we are encouraging our students to read about the experiences of those who have pushed the boundaries, both personal and physical, to achieve their dream – going into space. We even have photos from when Ms Board, one of our Science Technicians, had the privilege of meeting Buzz Aldrin!

Students can take an aptitude test to see if they are suited to a life amongst the stars. Or if they prefer we have the definitive guide to star gazing and astrophysics, *Human Universe* by Professor Brian Cox.

If fiction is more your thing, then the science fiction book reviews, written by our Year 7 and 8 students, will come in handy when selecting a new novel. Recommendations include Phillip Pullman's *Northern Lights* trilogy and Neil Gaiman's *Good Omens*. Thank you to all the students who took part.

Mrs Spear



### Year 8 Able and Ambitious

The Year 8 Able and Ambitious Group have been busy creating research projects in preparation for their presentations. There will be a range of presentations on the 25 June and 9 July ranging from 'The nature of black holes' to 'Top ten strangest animals'.

The presentations will be held at 6pm in the Drama Hall at BFS on both dates. If you would like to attend, please drop us an email, for the attention of Mrs Giblin, so that we can plan the seating arrangements.

## Key Dates for Term 6

Wednesday 26 June—St Ursula’s and Horfield Induction Morning

Wednesday 26 June—Year 11 Leavers’ Assembly and Summer Ball (and contingency day for exams)

Thursday 27 June—Year 6 SEN Induction Day

Thursday 27 June—Sixth Form Leavers’ Assembly and Summer Ball

Friday 28 June and Monday 1 July—Inset Day (school closed to students)

Week commencing 1 July — Year 12 Work Experience week

Week commencing 1 July—Careers interviews taking place over the next 3 weeks for Year 10

Tuesday 2 July—Awards Evening (more information to follow)

Thursday 4 July—Year 6 Induction Day and Evening

Friday 5 July—Sports Day at Coombe Dingle (more information to follow)

Tuesday 16 July—Sixth Form Induction Day and Evening

Thursday 18 July—STEM Day and Careers Café

Friday 19 July—FoBFS BBQ and Art Exhibition

## Residential trips in Term 6

Year 12 Berlin, 19-22 June

Year 9 Battlefields, 8-10 July

Music Tour, 11-16 July

Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition, 12-13 July

Silver DofE Assessed Expedition, 15-17 July

Gold DofE Practice (Y12) Expedition, 15-19 July

Gold DofE Assessed (Y13) Expedition, 15-19 July

Nepal Expedition, 18 July—1 August

## FoBFS Raffle



Hopefully you have now received, via your child, the envelope containing 5 raffle tickets. This is to raise money for Friends of Bristol Free School (FoBFS) which helps the school to pay for things that it could not otherwise afford. All money that FoBFS raises this year will be spent by the school next year.

We have managed to secure some great prizes, and these are listed below.

- Signed Bristol City Shirt
- Meal for 2 at The White Horse
- £50 Kemps Voucher
- Henbury Leisure Centre: 2 months free swimming lessons
- £50 voucher Franco Joseph Hairdresser
- Voucher for dinner suit hire at Dyfed Menswear
- Ciao restaurant voucher
- £20 voucher Westbury Inks
- Food hamper from Innovate
- Food hamper from Co-op and Coffee No.1
- Bracelet from Cindy Jane
- Box of Budweiser

Please sell these tickets to others (or even buy them yourselves!) and return the money (or cheques payable to Friends of Bristol Free School) with the completed stubs to reception by Friday 6 July. Please return any unsold tickets by this date too as we can sell them at the FoBFS BBQ. The BBQ is being held at school on Friday 19 July from 6:30pm-9:30pm and that’s when the winning tickets will be drawn.

We hope to see lots of you at the BBQ and any offers to help on the day would be very much appreciated (details will be sent out nearer the time). Many thanks for your help and support.

## Events in the next fortnight

|            |   |
|------------|---|
|            | GCSE and A Level Exams  |
| 17/06/2019 | Bristol-wide Year 8 conference for girls (Redmaids' School)   |
| 18/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>Y9 & Y10 Super 6 Athletics  |
| 19/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>Year 12 Berlin Trip<br>Year 12 NAND Board workshops, Bristol Uni<br>Y8 Girls' Rounders quarter final                |
| 20/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>Year 12 Berlin Trip<br>Edexcel Maths Hub, DG16, 2-4:30pm<br>Y7-10 Girls' Rounders vs Clifton High, at Coombe Dingle |
| 21/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>Year 12 Berlin Trip   |
| 22/06/2019 | Year 12 Berlin Trip   |
| 23/06/2019 |   |
| 24/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams  |
| 25/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>Able and Ambitious Presentations, 6pm Drama Hall  |
| 26/06/2019 | GCSE and A Level Exams<br>St Ursula's and Horfield Induction Morning<br>Year 11 Leavers' Assembly & Summer Ball                               |
| 27/06/2019 | Year 6 AEN Induction Day<br>Local Governing Body Committee<br>Sixth Form Leavers' Assembly<br>Sixth Form Summer Ball                          |
| 28/06/2019 | <b>Inset Day</b>  |

FRIENDS OF BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL presents the

# BFS SUMMER



**FRIDAY 19th JULY 2019**

**@ BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL**

**CONCORDE DRIVE, BRISTOL BS10 6NJ**

**COME AND MEET OLD & NEW FRIENDS AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!**

**6:30 to 9:30pm**

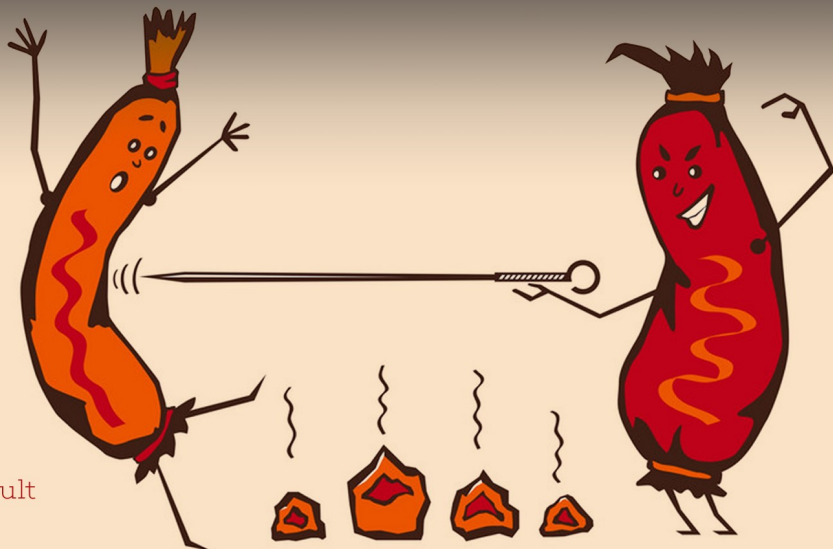
**ENTRY:**

**Tickets £1 Adults**

**50p Children (16 and under)**

Children who do not attend

BFS must be accompanied by an adult



- ★ GOURMET BBQ★ ★ DISCO with DJ ★ LICENSED BAR
- ★ REFRESHMENTS ★ TOMBOLA ★ STALLS
- ★ MAKE-UP ★ SWEETS ★ ART EXHIBITION ★ RAFFLE
- ★ PE & MUSIC DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINMENT ★ GAME WAGON \*\*

\*MEATY: BEEF BURGER: 6oz ABERDEEN ANGUS / TRADITIONAL PORK SAUSAGE  
MEAT FREE: HALLOUMI BURGER / VEGAN SAUSAGE

\*\*Gamewagon the premier provider of video gaming party entertainment



YOUR MOBILE SOCIAL GAMING EXPERIENCE  
**game wagon**  
WWW.GAMEWAGON.CO.UK



**TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT,  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE CUPS / GLASSES**

All proceeds will be spent on equipment and experiences for students across all year groups, which cannot be funded through the school budget.





# ART EXHIBITION

BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL  
GCSE & A LEVEL

19 JULY 2019  
D BLOCK DRAMA STUDIO