



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy, successful week at BFS. Last Friday we held our annual Sports Day, which is unique to BFS in combining team sports, track and field events with inclusive activities like tug-of-war and 'welly wanging'! It was a great day, full of fun and sun. A big thank you to Mrs Ballard who organised the whole event and to our Year 11 and 12 sports leaders and staff who helped on the day. It was lovely to see some of our parents and families visiting in the afternoon.

Last Saturday, BFS became the first secondary school in Bristol to be invited to perform in the colourful and culturally important St Paul's carnival. Preparations for the carnival have been going on for weeks; this involved making costumes, props and practising dance routines. Our Year 7 students (and staff) were amazing on the day, as you can see from the photos. A special thank you to Mr Truan, Miss Southall and Ms Townsend for making this happen.

I must congratulate our Year 8 girls' rounders team who became Bristol Schools' Champions 2019 this week. Their coach, Miss Hammond, was so proud of their focus, commitment and team spirit. It really is a fantastic achievement.

Next Friday is the annual BFS barbeque which is organised by FoBFS and should be a lovely way to spend a Friday evening. I do hope you can support this annual event.

Finally, a reminder that school closes for the summer holidays on Tuesday 23 July at 12:30pm.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Girls' Leadership Conference

While most students were enjoying the glorious sunshine on INSET Day, two Year 10 (Fatima and Huda) and five Year 12 girls (Briony, Nuha, Hannah, Phoebe and Beth) took part in the inaugural Girls' Leadership Conference at the University of Bristol in collaboration with Bristol Women's Commission.

Donna Lyndsay of the European Space Agency delivered the first lecture and gave an inspirational talk on carving out a unique career pathway and her ten valuable lessons for life. These included: you are better than you think you are; take every opportunity; it is ok to fail if you tried; do your best; people are different so the more diverse the better; be confident and you can make a difference.

The girls then took part in a human library where they had the opportunity to meet with a number of women from a wide range of careers and could speak to them about their job and ask questions about that particular sector. After lunch, they girls were treated to further talks by Dr Roisin McNaney and Briony May. The former spoke about her fascinating work on the SPHERE platform and the impact digital health has on our lives. Briony from the Great British Bake Off regaled the students with an account of her time as a teacher and how much she loved the profession. She then closed the day with a powerful message of the effect of social media and encouraging all of us to 'lift each other up, not tear each other down.' The girls took much from this important day as it was special to partake in such a significant event.

Mrs Paredes-Bartlett



Sports Day

On a balmy Friday in Coombe Dingle, BFS students and staff participated in this year's Sports Day. Sporting a team colour and taking part in activities from ultimate Frisbee to tug-of-war, to welly-wanging and dodgeball, the morning of mass participation was a huge success.

The 'sponsored move' for the British Heart Foundation was a new addition this year. The morning track events were open to interpretation; tutors competed against each other for bragging rights for their tutees, and piggy-back races, wheelbarrow races and any other method to travel the length of the track ensured that students all 'moved' one way or the other.

Despite the tannoy running out of power in the afternoon, the track competitions were fierce, with students doing their best to bring home the victory for their tutor group.

It was a fantastic day filled with BFS spirit and determination, with the winning tutor groups being announced to students in the end of year assembly on 23 July.



TCS Oxford Computing Challenge

After winning the intermediate category of the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge, Heath in Year 9 joined the Prizewinners Ceremony at Hertford College, Oxford University. He was presented with a Raspberry Pi and Pi-topCEED by Professor Peter Millican and had a tour of Oxford university grounds.

Huge well done Heath!



Summer activities in the local area

Please click [here](#) for a list of activities taking place in the local area over the summer holidays.



St Paul's Carnival 2019

After the 50th anniversary in 2018, this year's event promised to be just as spectacular; 100,000 people were estimated to attend, with the special addition of Bristol Free School! A group of students from 7TG4 had been practising their procession and final dance routines over a six-week period, with focus and excitement, at the prospect of experiencing Bristol's biggest and most famous carnival.

Aila V, Gemma J, James W, Jessica S, Katie L, Owen M, Isobel A, Holly J, Luvna R and Annabelle B all met at the Circomedia to change into their sparkling costumes and have an array of colours painted onto their faces in true carnival-style designs. The students danced through the streets of St Paul's, fuelled by the electric atmosphere and bringing a smile to the faces of the thousands lining the streets, who had come from not only Bristol and the wider UK, but from all around the world.

Over 1,000 people performed in the main procession, displaying art in costume, dance and music, to embrace and celebrate African Caribbean culture in the city of Bristol. The students of Bristol Free School literally led from the front, setting the standard for the other groups to follow. They were all an absolute credit to the school and had an experience that I'm sure they'll never forget, with the added bonus of making the Points West news and BBC website.

A special thank you to Ms Townsend and Miss Southall for not only giving up their spare time, but for their true carnival spirit.

Mr Truan



Year 9 Textiles Students

A message from Miss Burman to the Year 9 textiles students:

We still have lots of your wonderful hoodies that have been left behind!

Please collect your hoodie from Textiles before the end of the year otherwise it will be thrown away or taken apart to be used next year.

You may also take incomplete hoodies away to complete at home.



Rounders at Wesport Summer Games

On Tuesday 2 July the Year 8 Rounders team attended the annual Wesport Summer Games at Coombe Dingle. By qualifying through to the final of the Bristol Schools' League, they were invited to this prestigious event, along with finalists from across the county.



Starting at the group stages, the girls dominated from the beginning, winning all four games and even getting all of the batters 'out' in three of the games. They then faced Hayesfield in the final, a team who had beaten them only last year. With outstanding fielding and batting from all of the team, they were victorious, beating Hayesfield by 4.5 rounders, therefore becoming the West of England County Champions!

The girls then faced their Bristol Schools' final against Bristol Cathedral Choir School. It was a close game, with the first innings finishing at 4-4. However, with continued outstanding fielding, especially from Amber G at backstop, Amber H on first base and Megan M on third base, they caught or stumped all of their batters 'out' once again to also become Bristol Schools' Champions!

I could not be more proud of the girls for coming away with two titles in one day—a fantastic achievement that deserves to be celebrated!

Miss Hammond

BFS Science Discovery Prize

On Tuesday, the BFS Discovery Prize final took place. Year 8 students showcased their incredible projects to an audience of students, staff, parents and some very esteemed STEM professionals as judges.

Students have been using all of their imagination, creativity and extraordinary research skills to produce some amazing Science work. If you ever wanted to know how many marshmallows it would take to build the Great Wall of China, how the Placebo Effect works or if teleportation could be possible, then this is the exhibition for you!

We are so proud of Year 8 for their commitment to the Discovery Prize and all their hard work in Science this year. We are looking forward to some more stand-out science in next Tuesday's Year 7 final and then crowning the eventual winners at the end of term.

Miss Board



Clubs for Term 5 and 6

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

The week commencing 15 July is **Red Week**. There will not be any clubs on 22 or 23 July.

Key Dates for Term 6

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

Tuesday 23 July—last day of term

Full attendance is expected on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July.

Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm on Tuesday 23 July.

Events in the next fortnight	
13/07/2019	Year 9 Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
	Music Tour
14/07/2019	Music Tour
15/07/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Assessed Expedition
	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Year 13 Gold DofE Assessed Expedition
	Year 12 Biology fieldwork
	Music Tour
16/07/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Assessed Expedition
	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Year 13 Gold DofE Assessed Expedition
	Sixth Form Induction Day and Evening
	Music Tour
	Y7 Science Discovery Prize
17/07/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Assessed Expedition
	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Year 13 Gold DofE Assessed Expedition
	Music Tour (returning midday)
	Art Exhibition (New Drama Hall)
18/07/2019	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Year 13 Gold DofE Assessed Expedition
	STEM Day (and Careers Café)
	Art Exhibition (New Drama Hall)
19/07/2019	Nepal Expedition
	Year 12 Gold DofE Practice Expedition
	Year 13 Gold DofE Assessed Expedition
	Live Lounge - lunchtime (not a parental event)
	FoBFS BBQ
	Art Exhibition (New Drama Hall)
20/07/2019	Nepal Expedition
21/07/2019	Nepal Expedition
22/07/2019	Nepal Expedition
	Y12 to Paignton
23/07/2019	LAST DAY OF TERM
	Nepal Expedition (returns 1 August)

FoBFS BBQ

Our annual summer BBQ on **Friday 19 July** is our main event to help raise funds to support our children's school. Your help would be much appreciated. Last year we had a fantastic turn out and it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. It is a good way to catch up with other parents, enjoy good food and be entertained by music from the pupils and our own DJ. There will also be a display of the students' art work as well as a games wagon for the children and games from the PE department and other stalls.



If you can help for any amount of time on the evening please sign up using the link below. If you are able to sign up to more than one slot that would be great.

Hope to see you there!

FoBFS

<https://signup.com/login/entry/1004936978095>

We would be very grateful for donations of tombola prizes. Donations should be brought to Student Services on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 July.



ART EXHIBITION

BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL
GCSE & A LEVEL

19 JULY 2019
D BLOCK DRAMA STUDIO