

## Words from the Headteacher

This week our assemblies focused on the life and lasting legacy of Dr Martin Luther King, as the federal holiday this year fell on Monday 20 January. The assemblies were very well received by students across the year groups. Thank you to Mr MacBlain for organising such stimulating materials to accompany the assembly.

Thank you to Year 9 parents and carers who attended our GCSE Options Evening on Thursday; it was lovely to see you all and I hope that you found the event useful. Year 9 will have GCSE and BTEC taster lessons over the next two weeks to support them with making their choices. All the information and key dates will be added to our school website.

I must pass on my congratulations to Maisie, Hannah and Fiona for receiving conditional offers from Oxford and Cambridge last week. This is a fantastic achievement against a highly competitive field. The BFS community are all very proud of you, girls!

Next week we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year in our school canteen. I recommend students (and staff!) try the fresh Chinese food that Ann and her team will be preparing for us.

The weather has changed recently and at a Headteacher's meeting this week there was some talk of snow in the forecast! I hope that this is not the case but I urge you to check the school website if the weather deteriorates.

*Mrs S King*  
Headteacher

## Chinese Cooking Workshop

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students were treated today with a special visit from FUN HCCA who delivered a Chinese cookery workshop on Thursday.

They learnt about Chinese New Year (which is celebrated this weekend) and Chinese culture as well as key skills in deboning chicken, knife skills and using a wok. All students created a delicious chicken stir fry and had a great time.

Many thanks to Mrs Day and Mr McCarter for supporting all day and to Mrs Ford for organising this event.

*Mrs Sherman*



## Clubs for Term 3&4

Please see the website for the clubs running for Term 3 & 4. Clubs will start from Monday 13 January.

<https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/extra-curricular-clubs.php>

All clubs run from 3:05—4:15pm unless stated otherwise.

Please note that Creative Writing club will now take place on Wednesdays, not Thursdays as was originally listed.

## Calendar

27/01/2020	
28/01/2020	Y8 & 9 girls' netball Winter Games Y11 and Y10 boys' football vs Cotham, away
29/01/2020	Amazon Ambassador visit p5&6 U13 girls @ Lady Taverer's Cricket Competition U16 girls' football vs Colston's, away
30/01/2020	Maths Inspiration Trip Y8 and Y9 boys' football vs Cotham, away
31/01/2020	GCSE Set Works Concert, Victoria Rooms
01/02/2020	DofE Skills Day
02/02/2020	
03/02/2020	Appreciation Fortnight begins
04/02/2020	Y9 Boys & Girls Men/DTP vaccinations U16 girls' football vs Orchard, away Y8 and Y11 boys' football vs Blaise High, away
05/02/2020	Y9 and Y10 boy's football vs Blaise High, away U14 girls' football vs Cathedral, away Y11 Vocational Music Recital Dress Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm
06/02/2020	Y11 History Trip - Hitler on Trial Y7 boys' football vs Blaise High, away Brook on site p3&4; Let's Talk Period Y8 Subject Evening - <b>NO CLUBS (early closure)</b>
07/02/2020	
08/02/2020	
09/02/2020	
10/02/2020	<b>NO CLUBS inc homework club</b> Flying Start trip to Aerospace Museum Y11 MFL Speaking Mocks this week
11/02/2020	
12/02/2020	GCSE Drama Dress Rehearsal, 6pm U15 girls @ Lady Taverer's Cricket Competition
13/02/2020	U16 girls' football vs Fairfield, away Y11 Drama Assessed Performance
14/02/2020	Y9 Options Choices Deadline Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline
15/02/2020	
16/02/2020	
17/02/2020— 21/02/2020	Half term
22/02/2020	Hollow Trees performing at Southmead Library
23/02/2020	
24/02/2020	
25/02/2020	Year 11 Vocational Music Assessed Performances Year 7 Rugby Sevens competition, at Colston's School
26/02/2020	Y9 and Y10 boys' football vs St Bede's, away U14 girls' football vs Blaise High, away
27/02/2020	Y8 and Y11 boys' football vs St Bede's, away
28/02/2020	

## Meet the Employer at BFS

Last week we welcomed Jo Sunderland, an ex-BBC producer now running [Diverse Insights](#), who gave an insightful talk about the media and film industry. The talk was extremely well attended and Jo gave the students some excellent advice and guidance on the wide range of careers available within film and media, and the different pathways into the industry.

Please get in touch with Mr Parry (via the school office) if you are able to offer an employer talk for our students.

## Exciting opportunity for KS5 students interested in a career in finance or law

PwC has 500 paid work experience places available for Year 12 students in the UK during three 'Insight Week' programmes in Summer 2020. Students can apply to one of the Insight Weeks, which consist of workshops and shadowing opportunities, as well as the chance to work on a project during the week.

This is a great opportunity for students to meet PwC staff and experience the workplace. The deadline for applications is 14 February.



More information is available here:

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/school-jobs/jobs/work-experience.html>



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Please see website links below for information

about their Insights programme and also their Solicitor Apprenticeship available at their Bristol office.

<https://www.womblebonddickinson.com/uk/careers/early-careers>

[Insight Programme](#)

[Solicitor Apprenticeship](#)

## Newspapers please!

The textiles department would be very grateful to receive donations of newspaper as stocks have run very low.

Please bring any donations to reception. Thank you!







# Advanced Cycle Training

**Bikeability Holiday course for ages 11-15years**

**Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February**

**2020**



**Get the skills & confidence to ride independently**

- Bikeability Level 3 for secondary school pupils
- 4 hours' training over 2 afternoons
- A great way to get active this half term!

**For more information and to book:**

**<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/bristol-holiday-courses>**

Courses are partially funded by Bristol City Council for local young people. The additional cost to families is just £35.