

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I have been delighted with what we have achieved this term and would like to thank you for your continued support. Having our students back in School has been a joy and we are determined to keep the school day as normal as possible, despite the ongoing pandemic.

We have received invaluable feedback from parents and carers this term which has helped inform COVID-19 adjustments. We have devised our parental survey, to give parent/carers the opportunity to give us feedback. The survey will close on Monday 2 November.

The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3XQ3KXC>

Finally, I hope students and families use this half term break to rest, relax and recharge.

Mrs S King, Headteacher

The Month Ahead

Monday 2 November	Day 1 of Term 2 - School reopens to students
Monday 2 - Friday 6 November	Year 13 Mock Exams
Monday 9 - Friday 13 November	GCSE Autumn Series
Thursday 12 November	Sixth Form Open Evening - Virtual Event
Wednesday 18 November	Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical Exam
Thursday 19 November	Year 9 Subject Evening - Virtual Event
Monday 23 - Friday 27 November	Year 11 Mock Exams

Show Racism the Red Card

Our fundraising day on Friday 16 October raised £490 for the Show Racism the Red Card Charity.

COVID UPDATES - Important notices to keep our community safe

Face Coverings

As you are already aware, due to the rising level of Covid-19 in Bristol, we are now requiring everyone to wear a face covering in communal areas. Face coverings are not worn in the classroom, to aid speaking and comprehension. However, if your child wishes to wear a face mask in class, they can.

Over half term, please make sure your child has enough masks for the week. We request that students have washable, reusable, appropriate cloth face coverings, as these are best for the environment. Ideally, have enough so that these can be washed regularly. You will probably need 5 face masks and bags (one for every day of the week) so that you have time to wash them. If purchasing face coverings is a financial problem or you have a health condition that means you cannot wear one, please contact the school by emailing admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

If your child arrives at School having forgotten to pack one, they should report to Student Services immediately.

Please watch this film that goes through how to wear a face mask appropriately. Don't presume that you know all this automatically. If masks are used badly, and particularly if they also give a false sense of security, they can make things worse.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk&safe=active

Covid Symptoms

If your child develops COVID symptoms over the half term break they need to book a test and the household MUST self-isolate for 14 days.

- If your child has a **negative** test result. The period of self-isolation can stop, as long as anyone else in the household who has symptoms also tests negative.
- If your child has a **positive** test result then your child self-isolates for 10 days from when the symptoms started (or 10 days from the test result if they had no symptoms). The rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.



CONTACT School using StudyBugs at any time during the half term if you have a positive COVID test in the household so we know who to expect when Term 2 begins on Monday 2 November

Job Vacancy Inclusion Support Worker

An exciting non-teaching opportunity has arisen to work with our young people within the Inclusion Team at BFS.

If interested, check out the details via the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/bristolfreeschool-org/job/inclusion-support-worker-1118757?lang=en-GB>

Deadline for applications is:
9:00am on 4 November 2020.



'Studybugs'

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Get the app or register now via
<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

BFS Art department

Half Term Challenge Pumpkin Carving

We want to see your pumpkins!
Over half term many of you will be celebrating Halloween and carving pumpkins.

Enter them into our carving competition!

Prizes to be won for the best in each year group.

To enter:
Photograph your Pumpkins and email to
Ms Kolkowska

j.kolkowska@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Deadline is Friday 6th November.

Good luck!!



**I wear this to
protect you.**

**Please wear yours
to protect me.**

Face coverings help keep
us safe on public transport.

STAY ALERT
▼
**CONTROL
THE VIRUS**
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SAVE LIVES