

Weekly Update



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Christmas Disco
for Years 7 & 8

Friday 6th December
7.00 - 9.00pm

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please!

Words from the Headteacher

This term has flown by with the October holiday upon us once again. With a whole new year group and a large number of new staff (we've almost doubled in size) joining us in our new buildings this year, the settling in process has been pretty smooth. Teaching staff and students are in the process of setting targets for Term 2 and we are keeping focused on differentiation and feedback; challenging students of all abilities and needs to make excellent progress together with providing effective feedback through comment marking and ensuring that the students respond to their teachers' comments.

Tuesday 5 November is our Academic Monitoring afternoon where parents, carers and students meet with tutors, discuss how the first term has been and set targets for the next term's work. As a consequence no after school clubs will run on Tuesday but students who have early appointments are able to stay on and continue with homework or private study in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC). Clubs and activities will take place on the other days of the week as usual.

On Wednesday we invited our local residents, along with a number of people who have worked at the School's site in its various different guises over the years, to visit the School, have a cup of tea and tour the school site. I enjoyed being regaled by tales of what life was like on the site in the 1950s as well as showing off the new school buildings. However, I was most impressed by our student guides who led people around the campus while fielding a wide range of questions. Well done to all you, thank you, but please leave me some of the chocolate biscuits next time...

Yesterday Year 9 spent the afternoon at the Bristol Old Vic watching a performance of Great Expectations. Although I did not travel with the group I have made a point of brushing up on my Dickens so I can join in with the students' deconstruction of the novel in their next English lesson. Thank you to Miss Hogg and her team for organising the trip.

Today the Year 7 English groups are presenting their poetry performances to the rest of the year in the LRC. I will be watching their second performance at 3:00pm when Year 7 parents join the audience to see which learning group has produced the most creative interpretation of the poems. This is now firmly established as one of the School's traditions and the standards of performance have risen year on year.

Congratulations to Year 8, who are leading the School's merit haul; see later in the newsletter for more details. School returns after the break on Monday 4 November with lessons starting at 8:30am as usual. It will be RED week.

Have a restful holiday.

Richard Clutterbuck

Term 2 – November's Key Dates

November	
Tuesday 5	Academic Monitoring
Thursday 7	Y8 rugby tournament (at Coombe Dingle)
Tuesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & 8 rugby vs Clifton High (at Coombe Dingle) Y8 girls HPV vaccinations
Wednesday 13	Y7 netball vs Red Maids' (home)
Thursday 14	Y9 rugby vs Cotham School (away)
Friday 15	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Tuesday 19	Y8 & 9 boys' basketball vs St Mary Redcliffe School (home)
Wednesday 20	BAE Systems Roadshow for Y7
Thursday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 rugby vs Oasis Academy (away) Model United Nations outing to Churchill Academy
Wednesday 27	Y7 boys' basketball tournament (home)
Thursday 28	Y9 subject evening

Drama Workshop

Last week a group of BFS students enjoyed a one off workshop led by local drama practitioner Julia Mulligan. The students, who came from all year groups, were engrossed in some 'forum theatre', using drama to solve and discuss real life problems and situations. It was a great opportunity for students to meet each other and share their drama skills, developing their stage presence and general confidence. I am looking forward to seeing them and many other BFS shining stars becoming involved in the School's drama opportunities which will arise this academic year. Keep your eyes and ears peeled!

Year 9 Rugby League Tournament

A crisp, cold and breezy afternoon showed us all that autumn had arrived and it was time to focus on the winter sports. At Bradley Stoke School rugby tournament, the BFS rugby warriors had the chance to match our skills against a range of standards and playing styles. Jacob Jenkins' tackles were fierce and solid, along with Rhys Mathias getting stuck in, holding the opposition back with power and bravery. Luke Britton performed some invaluable runs and accurate passes - with his technical vision he was the key to unlock the opposition; he inspired BFS with clear communication, organisation and providing a structure for the team. Dan Manikum-Cole and Jack Flay's bounding runs were pounding and solid, smacking into the opposition, gaining ground each run. Finally Ksawery O'Donovan's inspiring running, dipping and swerving finished with some outstanding tries, building the points. Across both games the opposition were well organised though they couldn't keep up with our precise flowing passes and dancing runs. Scorers were Ksawery, Luke, Dan and Rhys. Well deserved man of the match was Luke, a great performance from a strong, reliable team player that pushed us to victory.

Well done BFS, clear enthusiasm and hard work led to an encouraging performance and our first wins of the season.

Match report by Max Hedger

Year 7 rugby tournament

Despite the cold and dreary weather, we went into our last tournament excited and motivated. Our first match was against St Bede's 'B' and we dominated the game and won a triumphant 40-0, with Harvey Sealey scoring a firing hat trick on his debut. Next up was Oasis Academy, we had an excellent start which led to an early try but sadly lost the game 5-30. Disappointed from the

previous match, we were low on confidence when facing St Bede's 'A'. As a result, we lost 5-15 but fought well with some impressive individual performances. Over all, we showed promise as an excellent rugby playing team and George Fowler was awarded player of the tournament by captain Devon White.

Match report by Daniel Whetton

Merit Awards

In celebration of the good work which has been happening in and around lessons so far this year, the Year Leaders shared the total merit counts during this week's assemblies.

The current counts are: 157merits to Y7 students; 177 merits to Y8; 66 merits to Y9.

We especially commend those individual students in each year who have individually achieved the highest merit count to date. Congratulations to Michael Evans, Fiona Gibbs, Henry King and Hannah Warren (all Y7) Dan Whetton (Y8) and Charis Smith (Y9).

Keep up the good work and let's double this count by Christmas!

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 4 November

Wednesday:

- Book Club
- Choir
- Italian Club
- Science Club
- Arts Award
- Netball
- Rugby (Y7 & Y8)

Thursday:

- Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
- Model United Nations
- Orchestra
- Eco-Club
- Mixed sport
- Rugby (Y9)
- Creative Writing
- Dance Club (Y9)

Friday:

- Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.



Pabulum currently have a vacancy at Bristol Free School for a

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You'd help prepare and cook a range of delicious food from fresh, seasonal ingredients, serve our great customers, and clear and clean up after service. Experience in a catering environment would be great and we'll also support further training for the right person.

A satisfactory Enhanced CRB disclosure will be required which Pabulum will pay for and you get a lovely uniform to wear.

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