

# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 2 December

### Tuesday:

Comic Book Philosophy  
Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)  
Games Club  
German Club  
Film Club

### Wednesday:

Book Club  
Choir  
Italian Club  
Science Club  
Netball  
Arts Award

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

'Band Academy'  
Climbing Club  
Basketball (Y7 & Y9)

Homework Club will run  
every day except Friday.

## Words from the Headteacher

Our plans for cashless catering are well advanced. The launch date is Monday 9 December. We will be writing to parents and carers shortly providing details about how to set up an account and register your child/ren for the cashless service. For the remainder of this term we will be accepting cash as well as cashless transactions but from January 2014 our catering service will be completely cashless. Further details for our students follow later in this newsletter.

On Monday 2 December we are also launching our breakfast service in the Dining Hall. The service will run from Monday to Friday, 8:00 – 8:20am for Bristol Free School students and staff. The menu giving details about what is on offer can be found on the School website by following this link:

<http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/healthyeating.php>.

December has come around very quickly and is clearly an indication of my advancing years rather than time speeding up. Nevertheless, rehearsals are underway for the 3<sup>rd</sup> BFS Year 7 Christmas Extravaganza. Please read the newsletter and check the website for further information about tickets and times.

The School's first Enterprise Day is taking place next Friday, 6 December. All students will be involved in entrepreneurial activities as part of our 6 Degrees of Aspiration programme. The day promises to be an exciting one and I am sure future business leaders, entrepreneurs and dotcom millionaires will be discovered.

Yesterday was our Year 9 subject evening; thank you to all staff, students and parents for making the evening such a useful and informative occasion. Finally congratulations to our cross-country runners who represented the School in a city wide competition on Wednesday. In spite of the coach breaking down, the team still made the competition on time thanks to Mr Ashley who downed tools and headed up the rescue operation.

## Richard Clutterbuck



**Christmas Extravaganza**

This year's Christmas Extravaganza will run across two evenings. The show on Tuesday 17 December will have the drama and music class performances from Year 7, Learning Groups 1, 2 and 3; the show on Wednesday 18 December will have the drama and music class performances from Year 7, Learning Groups 4, 5 and 6. Contributions from the choir, dance club and orchestra will be performed on both evenings. Admission will be by ticket only. Students need to purchase these in advance at morning break in the Dining Hall. Tickets cost:

- Adults: £2.50
- Seniors and young people aged 12 – 18: £2.00
- Children: free if accompanied by an adult (but they do need tickets)

So come along and celebrate our journey so far with some added festive cheer!

- ❖ From 9 December one of the catering tills will be accepting cash (for those students who have not been registered and scanned for the biometric system or if parents have not activated their account and loaded funds) as well as being available for biometric transactions; the other till will be for biometric transactions only.
- ❖ The IOU slip system will not be available from Monday 9 December.
- ❖ Students who receive free school meals will need to make sure that they go through a till and scan their thumbs, as everyone else. A free school meal entitles the student to a main course and dessert only (drinking water is available from the water jugs).
- ❖ Please be patient – it is a new system for everyone.

Year 7 & 8 Disco

Tickets for the disco on Friday 6 December are available to purchase from tutors.

Only £2!

If any parents are able to help on the night please email Friends of Bristol Free School at [fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

All funds raised are for the benefit of the School.

**May The Odds Be Ever In Your Favour!**

Last week saw the first screening of The Hunger Games – Catching Fire, and to celebrate this, Bristol Free School unveiled the victors of this year's Hunger Games competition. Huge congratulations go to our Year 7 runner-up, David Warner, who wrote a thoroughly engaging and imaginative alternative ending to the first novel. The overall victor, as there could only be one, was Ollie Pope from Year 8, who wrote an alternative ending which left the judges wishing for more. Well done to everyone who entered – we really do have such superb young writers. I hope you enjoy the winning entry as much as we did! (See separate attachment to this newsletter.)

**Cashless catering: Student Information**

- ❖ Cashless catering will be launched on Monday 9 December.
- ❖ Letters will be ready to go home on Monday 2 December, telling parents how to load funds onto student's catering account. Remember to hand the letter to your parents and remind parents to load the funds.

Term 2 –Key Dates	
<b>December</b>	
Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of breakfast service</li> <li>• Y9 boys' basketball tournament at Bradley Stoke Community College</li> </ul>
Tuesday 3	Y8 boys' basketball vs Patchway School (home)
Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 girl's 5-a-side football competition (home)</li> <li>• 8TG3 bowling trip after school</li> </ul>
Friday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross curricular enterprise day</li> <li>• FoBFS disco for Y7 &amp; Y8</li> </ul>
Monday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cashless catering launch</li> <li>• Y8 boys' basketball tournament at Patchway School</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9TG2 bowling trip after school</li> <li>• Parent briefing for 2014 ski trip, 7.00 pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 boys' basketball vs Patchway (away)</li> <li>• Girls' (mixed years) basketball vs Red Maids' (home)</li> </ul>
Thursday 12	Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 13	Primary School Sports Festival
Tuesday 17	Christmas Extravaganza (Y7 Learning Groups 1, 2 & 3)
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas lunch</li> <li>• Christmas Extravaganza (Y7 Learning Groups 4, 5 &amp; 6)</li> </ul>
Friday 20	End of term 2: 3.00 pm
<b>See the calendar at &lt;<a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk" style="color: white;">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a>&gt;</b>	