

Weekly Update



Year 7 girls' 5-a-side team

Words from the Headteacher

Nick Short

Yesterday I attended Nick Short's funeral. It was very moving and proved to be a fitting tribute to a good man who lived well. I am going to say more about Nick in next week's newsletter as he played a key role in establishing Bristol Free School and I would like to share a little of him with you, particularly those who were not fortunate enough to meet him. Having heard his eulogy and how highly regarded he was by so many I am looking forward to passing on some of his wisdom next week.

For the remainder of my message it is usual school business!

Key Curriculum Dates for Parents: A Reminder

Students in Years 7 and 9 will receive interim reports at the end of this term. It is their second interim report.

Our second academic monitoring day will take place on 23 April in the afternoon for all year groups. This is an opportunity to review progress with your child's tutor. The first academic monitoring day was cancelled. Targets set in November are written into each student's planner.

Year 8 students will receive their full written report at the beginning of term 5, during the week beginning 12 May. The Year 8 subject evening will be held on 12 June.

Year 7 students will receive their full written report in term 6, during the week beginning 23 June. Their subject evening will be on 17 July, after the end of year exams.

In the last week of the summer term an exams summary sheet will go home for all year groups containing exam assessment levels.

Term 4 –Key Dates

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March	
Wednesday 19	Y8 & Y9 Team Maths Challenge at St Katherine's
Thursday 20	U14 girls' football vs Fairfield (away)
Friday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport Relief: non-uniform day, but dress in something sports related Choir performance at St Paul's, Southville
Monday 24	6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Amah Shah, optician
Tuesday 25	Music Showcase
Thursday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routes into Languages – speaking competition Y7 & Y8 hockey vs Red Maids' (away) New Y7 parent information meeting (evening)
April	
Tuesday 1	8TG5 & 8TG6 DVD viewing after school
Thursday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School STEM day Full Governing Body meeting with Student Council
Friday 4	End of term 4: 3.00 pm

Richard Clutterbuck

Music Showcase on 25 March

See separate flyer for details.

Tickets available NOW!

'Second Time Around' Uniform Store (run by the Friends of BFS)

Still some life in outgrown uniform?

It may be useful to someone...

Please bring any unwanted items to the School Office especially items with school logo – blazers/jumpers/sports shirts (but no everyday shirts please)

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Year 7 girls' 5-a-side football

Last term the Year 7 girls' football team took part in a regional tournament. After winning the county stage we travelled to Torbay to play 3 other girls' teams from the South West. The first game was against Penair. They were a strong side with a number of good players who could strike the ball well but we stormed past them and won 4-2 with goals from Phoebe Neville, Bobbi Thomas, Anna Fraser and Alice Russell. This was a great start for Bristol Free School.

The second game was against Lytchett Minster; it was an easier game. Anna scored in the first minute but then, unfortunately, the other team were awarded a penalty which went in. It was 1-1. However, straight away, we managed to get a penalty ourselves which Anna also scored. After a couple more goals from our side, the game ended with a 4-1 win.

The third game was against Bucklers Mead. Within the first 30 seconds, Alice scored and showed the opposition we meant business! A very solid defence from Zoe Toye prevented the opposition approaching our goal. Continuing as we began, Holly Neville secured a second goal, followed by another successful shot from Alice with a lovely switch from Anna. Anna then claimed a hat-trick scoring three more goals in a row, closely followed by Alice claiming herself also to be a "hat-trick hero"! The result at full time was 7-0. We were through to the final! We were all buzzing and excited for the final. We were playing against the team we faced first in the tournament. BFS felt confident as we had played them before and beaten them; but nerves did slightly get the better of us. When the half time whistle blew it was 1-1. Beginning the second half, we knew we had to score to win, but unfortunately, that goal never came. Full time arrived, with the score line tied, which meant, worryingly, we had to go to penalties. Unfortunately we lost the shoot-out however we all had a fantastic day in Torbay!

Sports journalists: Phoebe Neville and Bobbi Thomas

FoodLab

Izzy Bridle, Hannah Warren, Rayna Owen and Evie Morgan report: 'The FoodLab analysts have been making some fantastic ice cream. Dry ice (-78°C) and liquid nitrogen (-196°C) were used to produce the creamiest ice cream we'd ever tasted! Three exciting flavours were researched and created. One of the groups made mango flavour, another group decided to use coffee and we also made a chocolate flavour which everyone loved. The liquid nitrogen and dry ice were used to crystallise the ice cream. The quicker something cools, the smaller the crystals, so

liquid nitrogen helped us to make the smoothest ice cream ever!'



To see more pictures of the ice cream follow BFS_Science on Twitter.

World Book Day 2014!

Last Thursday, the School came together to celebrate World Book Day and what a day it was! The playground was a hive of activity, with every single student and member of staff involved. Individuals and teams hurtled round the site looking for clues or scratching their heads trying to match the selfie to the shelfie: a competition designed for students to predict what books each member of staff have on their 'must read' list! Once again, the main thing which really stood out was the amount of effort which went into character costumes. Some students worth mentioning are Phoebe Neville who came as *The Mad Hatter*, Jack Payne who waltzed in as *Mr Stink* and Jessie Neale who journeyed to School as *Willy Wonka!* The staff, as always, did not disappoint and featured characters such as *Jemima Puddleduck*, *Azkaban's* very own *Bellatrix Lestrange* and of course our winner for the best dressed member of staff, Miss Woodnutt, who came as a very convincing *Humpty Dumpty!* Once again the day was a huge success thanks to the effort and enthusiasm of staff and students alike. The English Department is already looking forward to next year's festivities!

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 17 March

Monday:

3.00 – 4.00: 6 degrees of aspiration
keynote speaker: Steve Clark, international entrepreneur (in C126)
4.00 – 5.00: Latin for Beginners

Tuesday:

Band Academy
Bristol Fantasy Stock Exchange
Dance Club (Y9)
Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)
Boys' Football (Y7 & Y8)
Textiles Club

Wednesday:

"Bugsy" rehearsals
Chess Club
Enterprise (6^o of Stationery)
Orchestra
Reading Group (Y7 & Y8)
Science Club (Y8 & Y9)
Basketball

Thursday:

Art Club
Choir
Creative Writing
Eco-club
Food Lab
Girls' football
Boys' football (Y9)
Model United Nations

Friday:

"Bugsy" rehearsals

Homework Club will run every day except Friday.

