

# Weekly Update



Y7 & Y8 boys' tennis



Year 7 Science

## Words from the Headteacher

The education landscape is changing in Bristol. Not only has the city been named as one of the best places to live in various media articles and reports but outcomes for our young people are catching up with those of the highest performing cities. Collaboration and support across schools is growing and there is a tangible sense among education leaders that Bristol is positioning itself to become one of the principal learning cities in the UK. This is not the result of a happy accident, but rather positive change for our young people being built upon high quality teaching and learning applied consistently every day, every lesson. It is led by our teachers but involves far more people behind the scenes. As we approach the end of our third academic year I think it is timely to reflect on all of the people who are involved in the education of a single child, from the teacher to the parent, the governor to the caretaker. This reminds me of the story of the visitor to NASA during the time of the moon landings. He was heading for a high-level meeting to finalise the arrangements for the iconic Apollo mission. He was a little lost and asked a man in the corridor for directions, the man duly obliged and on thanking him the visitor enquired as to what he did at NASA, the man replied "I'm helping to get our men on the moon". At that point he picked up his bucket and mop and started to clean the corridor.

Our sports day has been moved to Tuesday 22 July. The field and facilities at the Greenway Centre are no longer available on the original date; please mark the new one in your diary.

I will be sending a letter home with your child on Monday confirming arrangements for Thursday 10 July as a consequence of the industrial action being taken by the NUT and UNISON. In the letter I will confirm whether BFS will be fully open, partially open to certain year groups, or closed to students.

**Richard Clutterbuck**



## Term 6 –Key Dates

July	
Monday 7	Summer Soiree
Tuesday 8	New Year 7 induction day (part)
Wednesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Year 7 induction day (part)</li> <li>New Year 7 parent information evening</li> </ul>
Saturday 12	Bristol Shakespeare Festival – "Macbeth" at Brandon Hill, Y9
Sunday 13	Paris trip departure
Monday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Aspiration Week</li> <li>6 degrees of aspiration keynote speaker: Beth Nicholas – Artist</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16	Paris trip return
Thursday 17	Y7 subject evening
Friday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PGL activity weekend departs</li> <li>Parent volunteers meeting, 9.30 am</li> </ul>
Sunday 20	PGL activity weekend returns
Tuesday 22	Sports Day
Wednesday 23	End of term 6: 3.00 pm

**Year 7 & 8 boys' tennis competition**

The first boys' tennis tournament of the year was about to begin and our doubles and singles line-up was looking very strong. We had a variation of players in both teams of four- Adrian Thompson with his spin on one side and Christophe Hooper with his experience on the other. Christopher McWhan and Gabriel Lombard were our no. 1 seeds and came across some tough opponents. St Bede's had a strong team of players, but they weren't good enough for Gabriel who beat their seed no. 1 comfortably. Robin Kirk and Dan Whetton were challenged too, but frequently came out with a good victory. Our two doubles teams, Adrian Thompson/Richie Hathway and Tom Kent/Christophe Hooper, also played very well and their teamwork paid off with both teams getting at least one win. The outstanding player was Gabriel who overpowered his opponents with experience and skill. Overall a very successful day of fun!

Sports journalist: Dan Whetton

**Tennis Competition**

A team of four girls set off to Clifton College for a Bristol Schools' tennis tournament. Holly Freke, Anna Fraser, Zoe Toye (all Y7) and Corinne Thompson (Y8) were eager and willing to play. We started by playing Ashton Down 'A'. Zoe and Holly were playing doubles while Anna and Corinne were playing singles. The timed format gave us time to get into the game properly with Holly and Zoe winning their game due to key communication and reaction skills! Anna and Corinne also won their games hitting and serving to keep up the pace. Next up was Colstons and we were right to be uncertain about this game. Unfortunately, we were all defeated regardless that there were some excellent rallies. In our final game we were up against Ashton Down 'B'. We had some hope seeing as we had beaten the 'A' team. It took us a while to set to their standard and after a promising match from Anna and Corinne, Holly and Zoe managed a victory playing only one game! We came second overall, making it to the Bristol Schools' final.

Sports journalist: Corinne Thompson

**Science**

Year 7 students have been out and about on the BFS site trying to find a good location for their newly constructed wildlife tunnels! The tunnels have an irresistible bait of peanut butter in the centre, but before any creatures get to the tasty treat they have to walk through a layer of special oily paint. This means that on their way out, they will

leave footprints behind on the paper and we will get to identify which small mammals are living right under our noses!



**'Super 6' Bristol Schools' athletics**

On a gloriously sunny afternoon, following a successful performance at the qualifying rounds, 18 students boarded the minibus to head to the 'Super 6' Bristol Schools' athletics finals at Whitehall track. They faced stiff competition, contending with the top athletes in the area. Each student participated in both a track and field event. Notable individual performances included: Ksawery O'Donovan placed second in both his events, javelin and 100m; Luke Britton achieved bronze position in his sprint event; George Bond jumped his way into second place in the long jump and Portia Neville was crowned champion in her field event, throwing in excess of 7m for shot put.

Overall the three teams were each placed 5<sup>th</sup> in their age group categories and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.



'Super 6' athletics teams

**Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 30 June**

**Monday:**

**3.00 – 4.00:** 6 degrees of aspiration  
keynote speaker: Jenny Foster – Fair Trade and working in charity

**4.00 – 5.00:** Latin for Beginners

**Tuesday:**

Cricket (Y7 & Y8 boys)

Orchestra

Textiles Club

Yoga Club

Rounders (all girls)

Tennis (Y8 & Y9)

**Wednesday:**

Athletics

Comic Book Philosophy

Enterprise (6<sup>o</sup> of Stationery)

Science Club

**Thursday:**

Art Club

Dynamics Choir

Craft Club

Creative Writing

Dance Club

Cricket (Y9 boys)

Tennis (Y7 & Y8)

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Homework Club will run every day except Friday