



# FREE SCHOOL Weekly Update

#### Words from the Headteacher

Our KS3 homework grids together with our homework guidance document are now available on the website. The grids relate to each subject which sets homework and serve as a 'go to' exercise for each of these subjects. The homework tasks in the grids link to the scheme of work being delivered to the students in the term indicated. However, in addition to tasks on the grid, other homework will be set by subject teachers so students may find that for one homework they are just to complete a square from the grid while a later homework may include another task as well as the completion of a square from the grid. The homework guidance gives the minimum time to be spent on homework for each year group. It also shows the amount of homework which should be set by each subject. Students must complete all homework which is set. Our after school Study Club is in place to allow students to complete their homework but we would ask that you, as parents or carers, help your child develop a study routine at home. We would like to know at the earliest possible time any issues which you may have with homework so that we can ensure homework is being set, completed and marked. Heads of Subject and Department work with the Senior Leadership Team to monitor the setting and marking of the homework and your additional monitoring will ensure that students don't fall down the cracks... Year 10 homework grids are on their way. These will function in a similar fashion to the KS3 grids but are formatted differently to reflect the new demands from the GCSE courses the students are taking. More details about the KS4 homework grids can be found in the PDF copy of the Year 10 Curriculum Evening presentation now available in the KS4 curriculum section of the website.

Road safety awareness: Please will you support us in reminding your children to take great care when crossing roads. I have spoken to several local residents who are extremely concerned with the way in which some of our young people cross the roads. There have been one or two near-misses. Many years ago I was in a school which suffered the loss of a student due to a road traffic incident, and the thought of similar happening here is too much to bear. From students strolling across the road with heads down looking at their phones to our numerous scooting students crossing without stopping and looking, a clear reminder from the School and you is necessary. We will be reminding students about their road safety in tutor time and assemblies, and if they hear it from you also that will help the message to sink in.

**Richard Clutterbuck** 



#### Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 13 October

All after school activities finish at 4.30 pm unless otherwise noted.

#### Monday:

- 3 4 pm: 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Blair King, Pinewood Studios
- 4 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

#### **Tuesday:**

Basketball (Y7) Book Club (Y7 & Y8) Games Club Makers Club Netball (Y7 & Y8 girls) Orchestra Philosophy Club Rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys) Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

#### Wednesday:

Badminton and Table Tennis (Y7 & Y8) Cross-country Dance Club (Y7 & Y8) Film Club (Y9 & Y10) Music Technology Club Science Club Young Enterprise (Y10)

#### **Thursday:**

Art Club Basketball (Y9) Comic Book Philosophy Dance Club (Y9 & Y10) International Film Club Musical Theatre Netball (Y9 & Y10 girls) Rugby (Y10 boys) Student Newspaper Warhammer Club

Friday: 'Band Academy'

Study Club will not run on Friday.

#### LitSoc

Year 10's LitSoc (Literature Society) has made an exciting start, with sessions on Finding Creative Writing in Unusual Places - eg cookbooks, graffiti and The Times - and the Literature of Humanity's End. Students have been exploring a range of complex and sophisticated texts which will supplement their GCSE studies and give them an experience of what English will look like at A level and beyond. For its next session, LitSoc will meet on 'blue' Wednesdays, and will feature a guest appearance from Mr Jones, who will talk about "Unreliable Narrators". There will also, of course, be tea and cake. Recommended for all students with a passion for literature or a desire to reach an A\* in GCSE English.

#### **World Skills Day**

All of Y10 visited the World Skills Day exhibition at Ashton Gate last Thursday. The purpose of the event was to expose students to different career pathways and encourage them to try new skills. From engineering in the armed forces and mechanics for Formula One, to sustainable futures' technology, stone masonry and stage make-up; there was an opportunity for all students to get involved and it was a pleasure to see them doing so.

Thank you also to Y10 parents for your early enthusiasm towards supporting your child in their quest for work experience. I am delighted to confirm some placements already: sports coaching in the local community; politicising in local government and IT in Texas, no less. Paperwork will be coming out to all students next week so do discuss this with your child. We look forward to working with you on this.

#### Mrs Collis





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Term 1 – Key Dates	
Monday 13	World War 1 trip returns
Tuesday 14	<ul> <li>Y9 &amp; Y10 trip to GKN, Introduction to Manufacturing</li> <li>Y7 rugby festival at Oasis Brightstowe</li> <li>Y7 – 10 netball vs City Academy Bristol (away)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15	Y9 rugby festival at Bristol Saracens Rugby Club
Thursday 16	<ul> <li>Y8, 'Teen-tech West' trip</li> <li>Y7 parents' transition meeting, 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm</li> <li>Y8 &amp; Y9 rugby vs City Academy Bristol (home)</li> </ul>
Monday 20	6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Beth Nicholas, Artist
Tuesday 21	Y7 & Y8 rugby festival/taster session at Memorial Playing Field, Failand
Wednesday 22	Y7 – Y10 cross country at Brislington School
Thursday 23	<ul> <li>Y9 sex and relationships education day</li> <li>Y8, Y9, Y10 netball against Colston's Girls' School (home)</li> <li>No after school activities, including Study Club</li> </ul>
Friday 24	<ul> <li>Y7 poetry performance; parents/carers invited for 3.15 pm</li> <li>End of term 1: 3.00 pm</li> </ul>
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Y10 students at the World Skills Day

## **Shine holiday club**

Shine Sports Coaching specialise in providing high quality, well organised holiday activities for children of all abilities. We offer gree value with prices from under #13.00 per day for boys and girls aged Reception to Y8. The emphasis is on learning through enjoyment and the activity choices include:



