

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 9 March

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of

Aspiration keynote speaker:

Tristan Pate, actor/musician

4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

Football (Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys)

Girls' football

Makers Club

Litsoc (Y10)

Orchestra

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Parkour (Y9 & Y10)

Trampoline (Y9 & Y10)

Dance Club (Y7 & Y8)

Film Club

Composition workshop (Y10)

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Thursday:

Art Club

'Grease' rehearsals (all cast)

Dance Club (Y9 & Y10)

Football Fan Forum

International Film Club

Mixed hockey

Football (Y10 boys)

Student Newspaper

Warhammer Club

Games Club

Chess Club

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

We joined in the festivities of World Book Day for the fourth time yesterday; from fancy dress to literary treasure hunts, the School was occupied with all things bookish. This was on a day when we hosted governor visits to our English and Science departments, having just carried out a scrutiny on Tuesday and Wednesday of our Additional Educational Needs provision led by My Jones and our RET advisers, Nick Kemp and Sue Walker. We rounded off yesterday with the Year 8 subject evening and later on tonight the FoBFS will be running the annual quiz for the fourth year in a row. It's been quite a week!

Over the next fortnight we will be recruiting teaching staff for September 2015. For the next ten school days, teachers wishing to join Bristol Free School will be observed teaching, set a variety of challenges and interviewed for a range of posts at BFS. Not only are we recruiting staff for September to ensure that we are staffed for years 7 to 11 but we are also making sure we have staffing in key areas for our 6th form, opening in September 2016.

Today (Friday 6 March) is the deadline for our Year 9 students to hand in their guided choices forms. I have had the pleasure of interviewing a number of the students and have been extremely impressed with the way in which they are dealing with this important process. They are taking it all very seriously and have demonstrated a keen understanding of the importance of making the right choices during our interviews. Once the deadline passes we will be working on next year's timetable, ensuring that as many of our students as possible are able to take the courses they have selected. Students will receive confirmation of their choices later this term.

Last Friday Miss Exton began her maternity leave and we all wish her well. Miss Collins has joined us as a member of the PE staff for the duration of Miss Exton's maternity leave and I would like to welcome her formally to Bristol Free School.

Friday 13 March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and in a similar vein to World Book Day, we will be joining in with the fundraising. Friday 13 March will be a non-uniform day. Students may wear non-school uniform but at least one of the items of clothing worn should be red. As with all of our non-uniform days I expect students to dress appropriately and if any students do not adhere to this expectation they will be sent home to change in to something more appropriate. I have not yet had to carry out this action but nonetheless it is always worth reminding the students of what is and what is not acceptable. One of the themes of Red Nose Day, aside from red items of clothing, is funny faces and we will be running a funny face competition during the day. If we discover that any students have a talent for pulling funny faces then I will be encouraging them to enter the world gurning championships taking place at Egremont Crab Fair in September. However, I am aware of the pressures of coming up with costumes and accessories on days like World Book Day and Red Nose Day so attached to the email sent out with this newsletter is the Comic Relief Red Nose Day Funny Face pack which has plenty of ideas and resources for you to use.

Richard Clutterbuck

'A View from the Bridge'

The English department would like to make students aware that there is a National Live Theatre production of Arthur Miller's 'A View from the Bridge' at Showcase Bristol Cinema de Lux on Thursday 26 March.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to see a theatrical performance of a play they will study as part of their GCSE English studies in Term 5 of Year 10. Seeing this screening of the play should help students understand its plot and staging. The performance begins at 7.00 pm and will finish at approximately 9.45 pm.

Tickets for students cost £11 and may be purchased at <http://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk/events/arts-and-events/young-vic-a-view-from-the-bridge>.

We suggest that students buy tickets as quickly as possible as previous performances for National Live Theatre productions have sold out.

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!



Young Enterprise

Bristol Free School's Young Enterprise team would like to remind you that the final deadline for submitting recipes for the BFS cookbook, "Momma's Secret Recipes" is Monday. Send in recipes for starters, mains, and desserts to a.harkin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk with the title "bfs book recipes" together with a short note of where the recipe came from.

World Book Day 2015

Yesterday 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 to win the treasure hunt and last year's 'match the selfie to the selfie' was back, which had students scratching their heads trying to predict what books the English Department staff have on their 'must read' list! As in previous years, the main thing to stand out was the amount of effort which had gone into character costumes. Some students worth mentioning are Thomas Pope who came as The Boy in a Dress, Jack Payne who waltzed in as Mad-Eye Moody and a very convincing Wizard of Oz team made up of Isabel Phillips, Oliver Pope, Thomas Covill and Ryan Andrews. The staff, as always, did not disappoint; this year departments chose a book and staff ventured to school dressed as characters from it. The English Department turned BFS into Hogwarts while the Science team amused many as characters from the Mr. Men series! The Year 8 parents did not know what to think at Subject Evening!

Term 4 – Key Dates

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March	
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U14 girls' football vs Fairfield School (away) Y8 & Y10 boys' football vs Redland Green School (away)
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 Gloucestershire Sevens rugby tournament Y7 & Y9 boys' football vs Redland Green School (home at Coombe Dingle) U14 girls' football tournament at Redland Green School
Friday 13	Non- uniform day in support of Comic Relief (wear red and red noses)
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 : small group visit to Bristol Zoo Y7 boys' football vs Clifton High School (home at Coombe Dingle) Y10 boys' football vs Merchants' Academy (away)
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y8 boys' football vs City Academy (away) Y10 GCSE Art, small group trip to Harbourside, after school
Thursday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All years – girls' hockey vs Henbury School (away) Y9 & Y10 boys' football vs City Academy (home at Coombe Dingle)
Friday 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routes into Languages competition at Royal High School, Bath Y10 rugby vs Clifton High School (home at Coombe Dingle, 5pm kick-off)
Monday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Degrees of Aspiration keynote speaker: Petra Metzger, Fashion designer (Central St Martin's College of Art) Parent information evening for new Y7
Tuesday 24	Y7 girls' 5 a-side football vs Red Maids' School (home)
Wednesday 25	Inter tutor group sports competition
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole school STEM day Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 27	End of term 4: school finishes at 3.00 pm

Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.