



BRISTOL Weekly Update

Words from the Headteacher

A reminder to all parents and students that term starts on Tuesday 2 June as Monday 1 June is an Inset day. One of the sessions for staff on the Monday Inset is training on our new homework system called "Show My Homework". You may have noticed that a link for this has appeared on the front page of the website. From Tuesday 2 June staff will use this system to set homework. Near the beginning of term your child will bring home a letter with details about how to login in to the system. Included in the letter are instructions showing how parents can login. I am entrusting the students with the responsibility to deliver this letter to you. Nevertheless, when we send the letter out you will receive a text message telling you that it is coming home with your child. If, for any reason, the letter fails to make it home just let us know and we will ensure that you receive your login details. Show My Homework's website is very user-friendly and at the bottom of the homepage is a link called "Helpcentre", where you will find straightforward guides to help you navigate and understand the system. The system can be used on a number of devices which have access to the internet; however, if you or your child are unable to access the internet on a regular basis then we have access in school for students and Westbury on Trym's library offers free internet access. On that note, Westbury's library is under threat of closure and locals have organised a petition to keep it open, please sign up to the petition. Libraries are not just vital resources within a community but physical symbols of a society's commitment to learning and wisdom for people of all ages and all walks of life.

Here is the link: http://savewotlibrary.bristolpetitions.com/

From the start of term 6 students will no longer be required to wear blazers in and around school. This annual adjustment to the uniform policy is in recognition of the change in temperature. However, this does not mean that items banned from school on the uniform list are allowed to replace the blazer. Any student wearing these items in and around the school site will have them confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Recidivists will soon find that they have a shrinking wardrobe as their outer layers will be kept for longer than the end of each day.

Richard Clutterbuck

SAVE THE DATE

6pm Fri 3 Jul

FoFBS Summer BBQ Evening

Details to follow



Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 1 June All after school activities finish at

4.30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday: School closed to students

Tuesday:

Animal Club Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8) Book Club (Y7, Y8 & Y9) Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8) International Games Club Makers Club Orchestra Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

All Years Mixed Athletics Composition workshop (Y10) Commercial Jazz Dance Club Film Club Philosophy and Science Club Science Club Young Enterprise (Y10) Magic Card Tricks Club

Thursday:

Art Club Boys' cricket (Y9 & Y10) Chess Club Street/Hip-hop Dance Club Games Club Gardening Club Girls' rounders (Y9 & Y10) International Film Club Maths Club Student Newspaper Technology Open Workshops (Y10) Warhammer Club

Friday: 'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day except Friday.

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Bristol Schools' Athletics Trials

A group of 30 students were selected to compete at the Bristol Schools' Athletics Trials at Whitehall Track on Wednesday 20 May. Their behaviour and attitude towards the event were exceptional. They were extremely supportive of one another and of other schools. Notable performances from our students included Year 9 students Ellie Haines who came 3rd in her 100m heat and Gage Whittingham-Slade who came 3rd in the shot put; Year 8 students Kaitlin Lloyd who came 2nd in her 300 m heat and Phoebe Neville who came 1st in hers for the same event; Year 7 students Jack Donoghue who came 1st in his 100m heat and Matthew Peacock who came 3rd in his for the same event.

Congratulations all! A fantastic day of athletics!

Drinking for health

Please remember that all students should bring a **wide-necked** refillable water bottle to school each day. There are drinking water points around the buildings where they can refill their bottles. This is increasingly important as the warmer summer weather approaches.

School trips abroad

All students who are participating in either the trip to Barcelona or to the First World War battlefields are reminded that they should bring their passport and EHIC card to the School's reception on the first day back after the holiday.



Term 6 – Key Dates

Please see the calendar at <u>www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</u> for other important dates.	
June	
Monday 1	School closed to students
Tuesday 2	All years girls' rounders vs Oasis Brightstowe (away)
Wednesday 3	Senior Super 6 athletics competition
Friday 5	Small group trip to BBC Bristol Wildlife Garden Project
Monday 8	 Y7, Y8 & Y9 core exams 6 degrees keynote speaker after school: Natasha Bennett, PhD student of Nanotechnology
Tuesday 9	 Y7, Y8 & Y9 core exams Watersports competition Y7, Y8 & Y9 boys' cricket vs Clifton High (home at Coombe Dingle) Y7 & Y9 rounders vs Cotham School (home)
Wednesday 10	 Y7, Y8 & Y9 core exams Junior Super 6 athletics competition
Thursday 11	Y8 & Y10 rounders vs Cotham School (away)
Friday 12	Inter tutor-group sports competition
Thursday 18	Y10 GCSE Drama students going to 'Woman in Black' workshop and performance, London
Monday 22	Start of Y10 exam week
Tuesday 30	Summer Soiree
July	
Thursday 2	 6 degrees: Career in Medicine workshop Science Fair (Y8), 3.00 – 5.00 pm Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 3	 Science Fair (Y7), 3.00 – 5.00 pm FoBFS end of year summer BBQ
Monday 6	 Start of Y10 work experience week Trip to WW1 battlefields departs PGL Beam House trip departs
Wednesday 8	Trip to WW1 battlefields returnsPGL Beam House trip returns
Thursday 9	Aspiration week startsNew Y7 parent information evening
Friday 10	New Y7 induction dayTrip to Barcelona departs
Tuesday 14	Trip to Barcelona returns
Wednesday 15	Aspiration week finishes
Thursday 16	Sports Day
Friday 17	End of term 6: school finishes at 1.45 pm