

Weekly Update

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

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

Monday:

3 – 4 pm: 6 Degrees of
Aspiration keynote speaker:
Natasha Bennett, PhD student
of Nanotechnology
4 – 5 pm: Introduction to Latin

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

Art Club
Boys' cricket (Y9 & Y10)
Chess Club
Street/Hip-hop Dance Club
Football Fan Forum
Games Club
Gardening Club
Girls' rounders (Y9 & Y10)
International Film Club
Maths Club
Student Newspaper
Technology Open Workshops
(Y10)
Warhammer Club
Tennis (Y7 & Y8)

Friday:

'Band Academy'

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

Thankfully the sun has emerged this week meaning that the requirement not to wear blazers in term 6 makes sense! I am going to repeat the text from the last newsletter of term 5 as a reminder to students as to how they should manage this change in uniform: "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."

We have started several new initiatives this term, the first being the launch of our new homework system called "Show My Homework". I hope at the time of reading all parents have received a copy of the letter sent home this week with details about how parents, as well as students, can access the system. Please contact the School if you have not received the letter and we will make sure that you receive your login details. Students are able to log in using their school user name and password. However, they must access "Show My Homework" using the link from the School's website or VLE; if they try to access it straight from Google then they will not be able to log in.

Year 10 is at the centre of two further initiatives, the first following on from the parental consultation about the 6th form. Using our VLE, Year 10 students have been completing a Post 16 student survey. The results of this will help us shape the 6th form further with particular weight attached to the students' curriculum preferences which are part of the survey. The second initiative is developing the role of prefect at Bristol Free School. All Year 10 students have been invited to apply for the role of prefect. The prefect system will start in September when Year 10 become Year 11. We are planning a pretty rigorous selection process between now and then and I look forward to welcoming the successful candidates to their new roles later this year.

Four years ago our students started raising money for charity. Since then we have run charity events annually and on an ad-hoc basis, often in response to valid concerns and enterprise from the students. To date the students of Bristol Free School have raised over £4000 for charities ranging from Red Nose Day to Book Aid. Yet again our young people continue to rise to whatever challenges are put before them and long may they continue to do so.

Richard Clutterbuck



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FoBFS invite all parents, staff and students of Bristol Free School to our

**Annual Summer BBQ on
Friday 3 July 6.30 – 9.30 pm**

A relaxed and informal event to celebrate the year with the school community

Tickets on sale shortly - £2.50 adults / £1.00 children – includes free drink

Music, Licenced Bar, Games and Entertainment

featuring
'Total Wipeout' challenge

Wimbledon screening and

a little
bit of



Well done, Jack!

A massive congratulations to Jack Donoghue (Y7) who has been selected to represent Bristol at the Avon Schools' Track and Field Championships in the 100m on Saturday 13 June.

Best of luck from all at Bristol Free School!



Cycling to school

We are pleased to see that many of our students are embracing an active lifestyle by cycling to school.

Please make sure that your child is properly equipped for travelling in this way by wearing a helmet and a hi-viz item. Please also provide your child with a padlock for their bike and stress the importance of using it.

Students should have Bikeability Level 2 or 3.



Term 6 – Key Dates

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

June	
Monday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7, Y8 & Y9 core exams
Tuesday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7, Y8 & Y9 core exams Junior Super 6 athletics competition
Thursday 11	Y8 & Y10 rounders vs Cotham School (away)
Thursday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 GCSE Drama students going to 'Woman in Black' workshop and performance, London Y8 & Y9 small group trip to University of Bristol Dove Project research visit
Monday 22	Start of Y10 exam week
Tuesday 30	Summer Soiree
July	
Wednesday 1	Y10 GCSE Art trip to Tate Modern, London
Thursday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 degrees: Career in Medicine workshop Science Fair (Y8), 3.00 – 5.00 pm Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Fair (Y7), 3.00 – 5.00 pm FoBFS end of year summer BBQ
Monday 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Y10 work experience week Trip to WW1 battlefields departs PGL Beam House trip departs
Wednesday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trip to WW1 battlefields returns PGL Beam House trip returns
Thursday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspiration week starts New Y7 parent information evening
Friday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Y7 induction day Trip to Barcelona departs
Tuesday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Art Club

I would like to celebrate Art Club's achievements this year in terms of large scale works. There seems to be no limits now to what we can create! Students have been busy with props for the school play, termly 'Live Art' as well as cross curricular projects such as the Sports Hall mural. Anyone is welcome to join and get messy! Miss Dawson