

Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities during
week commencing
16 November**

*All after school activities finish at
4.30 pm*

Monday:

Latin (Y8)

Tuesday:

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths and code-breaking Club

Boys' rugby (Y10 & Y11)

Girls' netball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Boys' basketball (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

'Oliver' rehearsals

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)

Wednesday:

Orchestra

Latin (Y11)

Craft Club

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Boys' rugby (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

Girls' netball (Y7 & Y8)

Boys' basketball (Y10 & Y11)

Jazz and Commercial dance

Thursday:

Art Club

Community Problem Solving Club

Cross-country

Girls' basketball

Warhammer and Sci-fi/Fantasy

Board Gaming

Chess Club

Hip-hop/Street dance

Public Speaking Club (Y10 & Y11)

Fencing

Friday:

Band Academy

Study Club will run every day
except Friday.

Words from the Headteacher

Last night's Sixth Form Open Evening was a huge success. There was standing room only in the drama studio with our founding year group and parents in attendance and significant interest from external candidates. We will ensure that our Sixth Form is outstanding; offering a rich and engaging curriculum, an array of extra-curricular opportunities and unrivalled academic and pastoral support. It was fantastic to hear students and parents in animated discussions with members of our curriculum staff, formulating their subject choices with a tangible sense of excitement. This rich level of discussion was down to the expertise of staff and the engagement of students.

The next significant milestone for the Sixth Form is our Sixth Form taster day. This is scheduled for Wednesday 16 December. On this day Year 11 will come to school in sixth form dress, experience a range of sixth form lessons and meet with members of our Sixth Form team, including Mr O'Sullivan who presented at our Open Evening last night.

The end of November right through until Friday 18 December is a busy time for our founding year group: their mocks begin on November 23 concluding on Friday 4 December. In a similar fashion to the principles behind a mock exam we are running a Mock Results Day on Thursday 17 December. When our Year 11s come in to school that day, instead of attending lesson 1 they will remain in the dining hall, from there they will make their way to the LRC where they will receive an envelope containing their mock results. This will be followed by an assembly led by Mrs Sillince (their Year Leader) and members of the Senior Team. From the mocks to the results day, all of these experiences are intended to prepare our founding students for next summer, making sure that they are fully aware of what is required of them and helping them with their response to these high pressure situations.

Richard Clutterbuck



Learning Group 3 win the Year 7 poetry performance!

Last Friday the whole of Year 7 bravely showed off the culmination of their term of poetry studies. Now a BFS tradition, each group had to put on a whole-class performance of a poem using props, music, actions, and voice. Not only did they have to do this in front of their whole year group, but they also completed it again in front of an audience of parents and staff after school. Given that there was only standing room left in the hall, the audience figures were enough to make anyone nervous, and yet everyone excelled.

According to the judges Mr Jones, Mrs Hyde, and Mrs Crates, Miss Nowak's class (LG3) stood out as clear winners with their action packed rendition of "All My Great Excuses" by Kenn Nesbitt. The judges, and many parents who have been to previous years' performances, commented on the strength of all the groups' work, feeling that the standard has been pushed even higher than ever before, thereby setting a worrying challenge to next year's students!

Our thanks go to all the staff and parents who supported the event, to the judges and English teachers, to the students themselves for their amazing work and energy, and to Miss McGrath for organising the day.

DigiMakers

On November 28 DigiMakers are running free events held on the top floor of @Bristol (entry into @Bristol not included) with a range of workshops to encourage children into computing by making things with computers.

Go to www.digimakers.co.uk/digimakers-events for more information.

Science Club

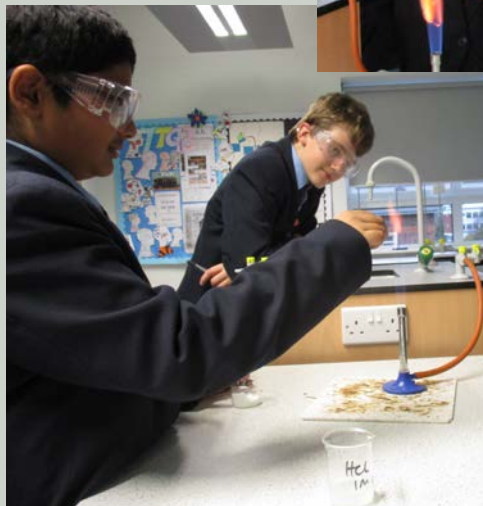
This week in Science Club we celebrated Bonfire Night with a pyrotechnic extravaganza! We learned how fireworks get their colours by flame testing, identifying which elements create the most exciting displays, and saw how iron is used in sparklers during a fiery demonstration from Mr Mabey. We ended the session with some sparklers and are looking forward to impressing everyone with our knowledge at next year's displays!



Term 2 – Key Dates in November	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates.	
November	
Monday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8 & Y9 boys' basketball festival at Bradley Stoke Chess competition at Bristol Grammar School, 3.15 – 7.30
Tuesday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 rugby vs Henbury School (away) Y9 rugby vs Orchard (away) Y11 GCSE Music performance evening, 7.00 – 8.30 pm Y10 GCSE Drama trip to Bristol Old Vic, 7.00 – 9.50 pm
Wednesday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs St Mary Redcliffe (home) Y9 & Y10 girls' football vs Red Maids' School (home)
Thursday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-country at Bristol Grammar School (afternoon) Girls' Club visit to Southmead Youth Centre (afternoon) Y7 boys' basketball festival at Oasis Brightstowe
Friday 20	Bright Sparks visit to Ashton Gate, 8.50 – 11.30
Monday 23	Young Enterprise (part group) to finance workshop at UWE
Tuesday 24	Dynamics Choir performance at Katherine House, 1.30 – 3.15
Wednesday 25	Y10 & Y11 boys' basketball vs Oasis Brightstowe (home)
Thursday 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 Subject Evening from 4.30 Y8 & Y9 boys' basketball festival at Patchway
Monday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Enterprise Directors visit to Netsight, 3.15 – 5.00 Y7 boys' basketball festival at Bradley Stoke



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Christmas Disco
 Friday 4 December 7.00 - 9.00pm
 Years 7 and 8
 Tickets only £2.00 available soon
 Organised by FoBFS