

# Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities  
during week commencing  
29 February

**Monday:**

Latin Improvers (Y8 & Y9)

**Tuesday:**

Latin (Y10)

Makers Club

Maths and code-breaking  
Club

Girls' rugby

Parkour and Trampolining  
(Y10 & Y11)

Textiles Club (Y8, Y9 & Y10)  
'Oliver' rehearsals

**Wednesday:**

Orchestra

Latin (Y11)

Science Club

Young Enterprise (Y10)

Boys' football (Y7, Y8 & Y9)

Girls' football

Handball (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Jazz and Commercial dance

NewPals for Nepal

**Thursday:**

Hip-hop/Street dance

Fencing

*All other clubs cancelled due to  
the Subject Evening,*

**Friday:**

Band Academy

Study Club will run Monday,  
Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Words from the Acting Headteacher

It's hard not to be vicariously excited by the activities on offer for BFS students. Our young engineers went to Airbus HQ in Filton to continue with their project work on design and sustainability. Year 11 historians returned emboldened and enlightened by their experiences in Munich, seeing first-hand the epochal locations that previously existed in two dimensions in their text books. We also welcomed representatives from Veale Wasbrough Vizards, Airbus, Cardiff University Hospital and the University of Bristol to speak to our prospective Year 12 students about routes into professions and university life in general. It's a fantastic experience and I find it hugely exciting that any one of the meetings or conversations may prove to be the spark that galvanises a subsequent career and a happy and enriching life.

## Uniform

I have had cause to mention black trainers recently, and yet they are still appearing in school. They are not acceptable and students will be expected to change into regulation school daps. With regard to earrings; our expectations are absolutely clear. It makes no sense to have a piercing done prior to coming back to school in the knowledge that this will bring the student into conflict with the school policies. It must be replaced with a clear version for the short period of time necessary, and then taken out each and every day. Anything else will result in the student being withdrawn from lessons.

## Fixture of the week

This week saw another first: a competitive hockey fixture against St Mary Redcliffe. The squad had been drilled mercilessly (but kindly at the same time) by our very own Sean Kerley, Mr MacBlain (or 'Mr Hockey' as he is also known, on account of his raw talent with the hooked stick). The team was a cross-year group pick, featuring Years 7, 8 and 9.

From the push-back the team were sharp and cohesive, a symmetrical unit moving seamlessly up and down the park. Laser-guided passes were the order of the day, taking out the defender with precision, turning defence to attack with a series of one-twos and an innate awareness of time and space. The opposition was sharp and experienced and came in waves, crashing against the harbour wall of our goal, but repelled time and again by the bastion of defence, Phoebe Neville, unafraid of personal injury and placing body and soul on the line. Somehow they got through, grabbing a goal that possibly justified their attacking intent.

In the second half we regrouped and went back on the offensive, with Holly Freke marshalling the troops and sending them once more into the breach. Zoe Toye levelled the scores with an incisive and unstoppable strike. Daisy Dent showed silky skills with a reverse sweep shot, somehow cleared off the line in desperation by the flailing Redcliffe 'keeper. Thus the scores ended level, with honours even. A true contest played amongst two titans of the game. Special mention must go to Phoebe in goal. As if being the last line of defence wasn't hard enough, she was playing with restricted vision due to the helmet being a size too small!

**Paul Jones**

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**World Book Day**

Next Thursday is World Book Day when students, and staff, are encouraged to come to school in 'book themed' fancy dress. It is not a non-uniform day, so if students do not wish to wear appropriate fancy dress, they should wear their school uniform. There will be activities, quizzes and games through the day with a book theme. A voluntary donation of £1 will be collected and given to a literacy charity.

**Bristol Parent Carers**

Bristol Parent Carers are running an event for parents of students with SEN on Thursday 10 March 2016. It is being held at the Trinity Centre in Old Market. The event is free and covers a range of topics including SEN support, EHC Plans and assessments. There is also an opportunity to ask questions to staff from Bristol City Council and the NHS. Please visit [www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk](http://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk) or call a volunteer on 07914 320540 for more information and to book your place.

**Road Safety**

Students on bikes should wear helmets and be visible. They should ride safely and avoid reckless habits, whether scootering down the hill or riding out of the gates. In addition please will parents and carers refrain from driving onto the school site before or after school when dropping off or collecting. We have students coming and going who do not expect to encounter traffic. If you are driving on site during the day you must adhere to the speed limit, 10mph. We would rather not have to deal to with the consequences which may ensue as the result of a rushed, late drop-off and appreciate very much your support in ensuring all members of the community are safe.

**Young Enterprise**

The Young Enterprise team has been working very hard over the past six months with their new business venture 'emojibags.co.uk'. The students have been meeting up weekly to create and develop their product (including coming into school during the February holiday) and are finally ready to showcase their product at the Young Enterprise Trade Fair in The Mall at Cribbs Causeway this Saturday. If you are around the area please pop in to say hello and check out the product. If you would like to stay up to date with what the team is doing, you can check out their tweets @emojibags or their website [www.emojibags.co.uk](http://www.emojibags.co.uk) or facebook/emojibags.co.uk.



**Term 4 – Key Dates**

Please see the separate attachment and the calendar at [www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk) for other important dates.

Match Results		
Fixture	Score	Player of the match
Y8 boys' football: BFS vs Oasis Brightstowe	4:4	Lucas Morgan Jacob Wright (Players' Player)
Y9 boys' football: BFS vs Oasis Brightstowe	2:1	Harvey Sealey George Fowler (Players' Player)

**Year 11 History trip to Munich**

Students toured the key sites of Munich including the Hofbräuhaus, the starting place of the Nazi movement as well as visiting Dachau, the original Nazi concentration camp opened weeks after the Nazi ascension to power in 1933. The group walked in the footsteps of victims of the Holocaust including the gas chambers, accommodation and marching square. Many students took time to process and reflect on what they were seeing with the comment 'in the classroom it's hard to realise the impact of the holocaust on individuals. Seeing where it happened really brings home what happened. How could a human being do this to another human being?'

One day was taken by a trip to Nuremberg to visit the site Hitler dedicated to holding mass rallies. Students stood in the spot where Hitler delivered his speeches to 200,000 people as well as touring the Museum of Fascination and Terror. Other highlights were a meal in Munich's Hard Rock Café, seeing surfers at the Whitan urban surf site, touring the Munich Olympic Park and ascending the Munich Olympic Tower to take in some spectacular views of the city. Mr Bishop, Mr Parry, Mrs Hyde and Mrs Jenkins enjoyed the company of the students who had a fantastic learning experience.

