



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing
2 May

Monday:
No clubs- school closed

Tuesday:
Latin (Y10)
Makers Club
Maths & code-breaking Club
Textiles Club (Y9)
Girls' rounders (Y7 & Y8)
Boys' cricket (Y7 & Y8)
Beatles Band

Wednesday:
Orchestra
Latin (Y11)
Science Club
Young Enterprise (Y10)
Jazz & Commercial dance
NewPals for Nepal
Athletics
Gardening Club

Thursday:
Hip-hop/Street dance
Art Club
Community Problem Solving Club
Warhammer & Sci-fi/Fantasy
Board Gaming
Chess Club
Model United Nations
Jazz Band
Fencing
Boys' cricket (Y9, Y10 & Y11)
Girls' rounders (Y9, Y10 & Y11)

Friday:
Band Academy

Study Club will run on
Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday.

Words from the Acting Headteacher

Every so often something happens which encapsulates everything which is fantastic about Bristol Free School and the values and culture we strive to create. I see the abstract qualities which I feel are so important on a daily basis in the interactions between students and staff; conversations governed by kindness and consideration, reflection and thoughtfulness. On occasion these values are embodied in something tangible. On Saturday a group of students led by George Osborne organised a 10k run in support of a friend and their family who have experienced the very toughest of times lately. Students arranged everything themselves, including a coffee and snacks stall for runners and supporters and they raised money for Cancer Research. I am immensely proud of their efforts; the roll-call of participants included: Tom Pope, George Osborne, Amelia Wyatt, Jack Donoghue, James Hayman Guyatt, Mya Russell, Mia Budenis, Zoe Henderson, Dylan Hobbs, Alex Blacker, Olivia Quick, Chloe Turvey, Laurence Chandler, Georgina Slade, Stephanie Jackson, Jacob Cook, Tom Crawford, Ben Stokes, Oliver Baker, Ffion Paish and Katie Gallagher.

As of today, they have raised £1707, smashing their target of £1000. We will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of this half-term. In the meantime, it's not too late to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/run4tomopope>

Fixture of the week

The rounders season got off to a flying start with a crunch match against Henbury, and our team drawn from Years 9 and 10. Henbury were unable to field their full quota, but luckily we were able to fill their ranks with some of our players; a generous display of sporting etiquette. Each innings ran according to time, a 10 minute slot leading to power-hitting and refined athleticism in the outfield. Corinne Thompson and Ellie Haines patrolled the diamond between them, the deadly duo alert to any opportunity and catching players out with panache. Zoe Toye and Olivia Stone linked neatly in the outfield, symbiotic and stealthy; no catch dropped; the precious orb retrieved from flight with flair and finality.

A first innings lead of 4 opened up further in the second half as the team rolled out advanced techniques and tactics in a Ranieiri-esque display of thought and intelligence; the 'double-out' being deployed to devastating effect on a demoralised opposition. At the centre of a seamless unit was Olivia, guiding, chivvying, cajoling, supporting and leading from the front, Sun Tzu incarnate, for "she who knows when she can fight and when she cannot, will be victorious". The final score showed clear daylight between the two teams, with BFS winning by 11-6 from the HenBFSbury team. Kia Blackwood enshrined her mythical status as the silent assassin, lethal with the bat and deadly with the ball, and was voted player of the match by the vanquished Henbury hordes.

Paul Jones

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The next step

Do you want to:

- Know more about apprenticeships?
- Understand the different career choices and pathways young people can make?
- Be able to help your child make informed choices?
- Know where to go for financial information?

There are several websites which parents and carers may find really useful when navigating the many and varied options which face our students when they leave school. A selection of these can be found on the document attached to this newsletter. In particular, www.careerpilot.org.uk has a parent zone, designed explicitly to keep parents and carers up to date with post-16 options available in 2016 and beyond. You can even take the test to see how much you know already!

Industrial Cadets

Over the last three months two teams of 'Industrial Cadets' have been designing a sustainable school building. The EcoEngineers and EnginEcos set about researching their brief by surveying students and staff, interviewing the finance department and analysing the blueprints of our school. Once they had determined environmental and sustainability issues which could be resolved they set about researching the best solutions. Their recommendations ranged from the high to low tech including a turf roof, green wall, remote controlled mood lighting, rain water harvesting and solar energy. They worked as teams, under the guidance of mentors from Airbus, to produce detailed 7000+ word reports on their recommendations. Yesterday they returned to Airbus to present their findings to the senior engineer assessors through a combination of 3d scale models, display board and spoken presentation, which was followed by a detailed questioning from the judges. All the students were outstanding ambassadors for the School and they performed incredibly well under pressure. This project has tested their time management, team working, leadership, research and presenting skills and they have all risen to the challenge.

Pens for Poverty

On Enterprise Day students ranging from Year 7 to Year 9 formed groups in which we had to come up with a business idea to raise money for a certain cause of our choosing. This was how we formed Pens for Poverty.

Pens for Poverty is a student run business in which we sell stationery to students in Bristol Free School. All profits from the sales will go to less developed countries where student don't have enough money to buy their own school supplies.

After weeks of planning, we are pleased to announce that this business will be opening to all students on 3 May. We will be selling pens, pencils, protractors, compasses and exam ready pencil cases filled with suitable stationery.

Please bring in money to spend on stationery!

Zena Witherden (Y7)



Key dates for the coming week

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

May	
Monday 2	Public holiday – school closed
Tuesday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water sports for small group of Y8, 12.30 – 4.00• Y10: Sky Blue Theatre Company – 'Macbeth'• Y7 & Y8 boys' cricket vs Cotham (home at Coombe Dingle)
Wednesday 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community involvement project at Westbury Fields care home, small group, 2.20 - 4.00• Y7 & Y8 girls' rounders vs Henbury (away)• Y9 & Y10 boys' cricket vs City Academy Bristol (away)
Thursday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Day• Y7 girls' rounders vs Red Maids' School (home)• Young Enterprise area final at Kings Weston House, 3.00 – 9.15
Friday 6	Open Day
Saturday 7	Y9 bronze DofE practice expedition
Sunday 8	Y9 bronze DofE practice expedition



All participants have been awarded the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award and the CREST Silver award, both highly regarded achievements in the world of engineering.