



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 7 November

### Monday

KS4 Fitness  
Classics  
Fencing

### Tuesday

Latin GCSE year 2  
Boys' rugby (Year 7)  
Girl's football (Y9, 10 & 11)  
Boys' basketball (Y8 & 9)  
Dressmaking (Y9 & 10)  
Art Club  
Geography of Food Club  
School Musical  
Italian Club  
Science Club  
Model United Nations  
Year 10 Young Enterprise  
Grok Quest Challenge  
Poketeering

### Wednesday

Latin GSCE year 1  
Boys' basketball (Y10 & 11)  
Boys' rugby (Y8 & 9)  
Girl's netball (Y7 & 8)  
Orchestra  
Year 9 Punk Band  
Outdoor Club  
Commercial Dance  
Macbeth Rehearsals  
French Film Club  
Year 12 young Enterprise

### Thursday

Boys' rugby (Y10 & 11)  
Boys' basketball (Y7)  
Cross Country (All Years)  
Girls' netball (Y9, 10 & 11)  
Textiles Club (Y7 & 8)  
Street and Hiphop Dance  
Jazz Band  
Junior Jazz Band  
Craft Club  
Warhammer School Alliance  
Flying Start Challenge  
Wellbeing Club

### Friday

Sports Academy

## Words from the Headteacher

Next Thursday is our Sixth Form open evening. I'm very excited about this, as is Mr Walker. I sense temporal echoes of the heady days of 2011 when the school rapidly transformed from a collection of Nissen huts clustered around a canteen, to a gleaming and new secondary building fit for our fantastic students. Our Sixth Form is undergoing a similar acceleration, from the nothingness of a standing stand to become, in short order, a pantheon of learning. The prospect of welcoming prospective parents and students to our brand new buildings and facilities is enticing. I will leave most of the talking to Mr Walker on the evening; he'll explain all of the things any prospective student and parent needs to know and tackle all of the burning questions. There are some things I can say with absolutely certainty: the academic calibre of our Sixth Form teaching staff is absolutely first-rate. My MA in Modernist Literature from the University of London doesn't even get me a look in; Miss Monsell is a Victorian literature expert and Mr Thomas knows everything there is to know. This pattern of expertise is replicated across the board; whether it's the mind-expanding cosmological awareness of Mr Mabey, or the mathematical mastery of Mrs Conway: they are all amongst the best teachers I have ever worked with and they are supported by an army of excellence. It's a single, unified Sixth Form, it's creative and forward-looking, students are incredibly friendly and polite and we can't wait to welcome in the next intake.

**Paul Jones**

## Fixture of the Week: Swimming Gala

Fourteen students from across all year groups took to the water in Thursday's swimming gala against 12 other Bristol state and private schools. Junior girls were first to take the plunge, gliding seamlessly through the choppy surface in the fifty meter relay. It was close, with the quartet coming in fourth, just outside the podium places.

In the individual events, Amy Leather annihilated the opposition in both her races. She sliced through the waves with balletic grace; leaving her hapless competitors floundering in her wake. Abby Foster showed a purity of technique and savagery of pace to out-distance the others in her heat. Meanwhile Harri Bolt and Felix Logan ensured that there was gender parity, winning the freestyle and breaststroke heats.

In the final heart-stopping medley, the junior girls soared across the undulating waters with aquatic insouciance; finishing second after several lengths of the pool. Well done to all our ocean-going competitors.





**Virtual Food**

Mr Dayment continues to push the boundaries of food technology and has moved into the virtual world, having launched Bristol Free School's very own Food Tech Instagram account. The account will allow students to upload images of completed dishes from practical lessons, events and competitions. Mr Dayment will also be posting Food Tech related updates and healthy eating messages.

Please go to @bristolfreeschoolfood to take a look.

Following Mr Dayment's lead, the School's Instagram account (surely the kiss of death for the form) is @bristol\_free\_school and it is up and running now.



**Hotel BFS Open for Guests**

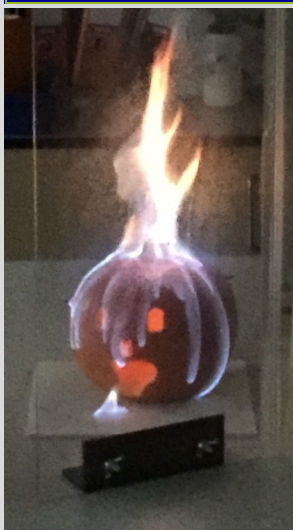
The Bristol Free School Insect Hotel is open for business! Outdoor club has been busy making this impressive home for the schools local wildlife to hideaway in. Keep an eye out for even more wildlife homes popping up around the school...or even better, come along to Outdoor Club and build one yourself!



**Key dates for next week**

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

<b>Monday 7 November 2016</b>	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening. 5:30pm, Sixth Form block.
<b>Tuesday 8 November 2016</b>	
<b>Wednesday 9 November 2016</b>	
<b>Thursday 10 November 2016</b>	Sixth Form Open Evening, 7pm
<b>Friday 11 November 2016</b>	Engineering Workshop - Institute of Civil Engineers
<b>Saturday 12 November 2016</b>	Treble Bass performing at the Old Duke 3:30pm



**Spooky Science**

This week saw the annual Science Club Spooktacular make its return. Students made some frightening fake blood, some spooky slime and carved some pumpkins which were lit with coloured flames.

We ended with some amazing pumpkin pyrotechnics including a giant foaming pumpkin and some fiendish fiery ooze!



**Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

Year 12 students will be offered the opportunity to complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award during their time in the Sixth Form. Dr Cooper will be sending home a letter regarding the scheme, and an information evening is being held on Monday 7 November at 5:30pm in the Sixth Form block where we hope to answer any questions you might have.



**Student Librarian**

The LRC is still accepting applications for Student Librarians. The deadline is Monday 21 November, and application forms can be requested from the desk in the LRC.

**Help us win money for Science**

Renishaw and the Bristol Post have teamed up to offer one local Bristol school the chance to win £10,000.

The winning school can use this significant funding towards anything in the name of science education. BFS are once again entered in to the draw, and we would please ask that you collect and send off the printed tokens that will be in the newspaper daily from Friday 4th November, until Tuesday 6th December.

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