



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 5 December 2016

### 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 GCSE 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

I've been watching Masterchef this week. It's a brutal bloodbath; culinary incompetence is cut down to size by the caustic criticism of the Michelin crew. I'm not sure I agree entirely with the approach, but there is something refreshing about a no-nonsense approach and a refusal to accept something below par.

This week, we have been lucky enough to experience an altogether kinder, more positive version of the televisual hit, with Rotary Young Chef of the Year coming to town. On Tuesday evening virtuoso chefs from secondaries and sixth forms across the city convened at BFS towers for the Bristol Finals. Representing BFS were Lex Parry and Charlotte Lane. They seemed glacially cool; my nerves were shredded when I saw one of the Redmaids' uber chefs limbering up to pipe a choux pastry éclair, not to mention another from RGS wrapping a polenta and herb crust around a succulent salmon fillet. Next door to the cookery studio was the 'green room', full of nervous parents anxiously clock-watching, thinking of rehearsed timings and tense utensil tasks. Emerging from the pack with two courses of gustatory excellence was our very own Charlotte Lane (right) who now goes through to the regional finals!



From the infernal heat of the kitchen to the sizzling cauldron of exams; our Year 11s are going through their mocks. They are acquitting themselves well; taking it seriously and doing their best. It's as close to the real thing as we can get it, and it's as much about being psychologically ready as it is educationally prepared. Coping with adversity, managing the stresses, adjusting to the timetable, these are all things which need to run smoothly in May and June.

**Paul Jones**

## Fixture of the Week

It's been very cold this week, an eerie fog crept across the school yesterday afternoon. Perfect weather then for Rugby and a fierce competition with St Bede's. The match began on Friday evening. After 8 minutes of play Alfie Daniels hurtled into a tackle, somehow taking out the opposition player, as well as Lewis Polledri on our team and himself in the process. It caused a bit of a kerfuffle; Alfie had to get himself checked out and the match was abandoned.

Part two took place on Wednesday, with our team seriously depleted. Diego Bailey passed a late fitness test, only to suffer a recurrence of the initial injury. A raft of injuries afflicted the team with only 13 players left standing. St Bede's exploited the gaps in our backline to edge a 24 point thriller. Alex Moss took the game to them, charging over the gain-line, time after time, talisman and hero to the injured troops, whilst Sam Conibear was everywhere at the same time, defying the laws of physics and subverting the space time continuum. In the end, the odds were against us. We will be back, better, stronger and less injured.

**Planet Earth Club**

Starting next week is Planet Earth Club! If you haven't seen the latest episodes of Planet Earth II or want to watch them again come along to C1.26 during first lunch on Monday and Wednesday.

**Grok Learning Code Quest**

Tension mounts as we approach the end of the mega 5 week international Grok Code Quest competition - will Finley, Daniel and Fiona reign supreme over the world of Python programming by holding onto their 1st places in the Junior and Intermediate categories? Find out in next week's newsletter or if you can't wait, follow us on Twitter to find out on Sunday evening.  
@BFS\_CS

New Grok Learning competition launches February 2017. Come along to Programming Club on Thursdays in C041 to prepare - world domination is next on our list...

**#HourofCode**

Worldwide, the first week of December is a dedicated week where schools across the world run an Hour of Code for their students. The Computer Science faculty will be holding a special session of Programming Club on Thursday 8 December in C041 offering a variety of themed activities and challenges. Sign up in advance with Mrs Sherman in C041 as there are limited places!

**Spanish speaking practice**

As Bristol Free School is expanding and increasing our language provision, we are seeking a native Spanish speaker to volunteer to provide speaking practice for our year 12 students as they prepare for the A Level exams. All of the materials will be provided but we are seeking somebody to come in for four hours per week on a voluntary basis to deliver these sessions.

If you would be interested in this opportunity please email: [r.paredes-bartlett@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:r.paredes-bartlett@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

**Useful links for concerned parents**

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> link is for children (age 5-14+) and parents concerned about online abuse.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/ask-sam/> The Childline website where children can seek advice/counselling.

**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 5 December</b>	GCSE Mocks
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	GCSE Mocks Dynamics Choir at Katherine House Care home 2pm
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	GCSE Mocks
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	GCSE Mocks
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	GCSE Mocks Enterprise Day

**Photography Club**

This year Bristol Free School's Art Department have launched their first Photography club. Students have been bringing their cameras from home to experiment with composition and learn new techniques, as well as learning how to use basic technical settings on a DSLR. All of this has aimed to help them understand how stand out imagery can be achieved. They have also been introduced to traditional and alternative Photography processes such as lumen printing and constructing their own pinhole cameras (below).



Open to students & staff

**Calling all Photographers!**

Choose from three categories:  
Landscape, Still Life, Abstract

Your first chance to enter a festive BFS Photography competition  
Deadline: Thursday 5 January. Images should be printed A4, clearly named and submitted to C024 (ART 1)

This has paved the way for our first Bristol Free School photography competition. This is open to both students and staff, taking inspiration from the festive period.

There will be a prize for the winner of each

category: Still life, Landscape and Abstract. All winners and runners up will also have their work displayed in school in the new year. The deadline for entries is Thursday 5 January.

**Do you need help wrapping Christmas Presents?**

28<sup>th</sup> Westbury Guides are offering a gift wrapping service to raise Pack funds. This includes wrapping paper, tags, and possible ribbons too!

The cost is £5 per carrier bag (or more if you would like to donate more) If you would like more details (or to negotiate a price for a box full) please contact [28thwestburyguides@gmail.com](mailto:28thwestburyguides@gmail.com) for more details. Odd shaped parcels can be catered for! Zoe Gibbs, 8TG5



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