



Weekly Update

**Extra-curricular activities
during week commencing 12
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)
Photography Club
School Musical
Italian Club
Science Club
Model United Nations
Year 10 Young Enterprise
Grok Quest Challenge
DofE drop in

Wednesday

Latin GCSE year 1
Boys' basketball (Y10 & 11)
Boys' rugby (Y8 & 9)
Girl's netball (Y7 & 8)
Orchestra
Folk Band
Outdoor Club
Commercial Dance
French Film Club
Year 12 Young Enterprise
Geography of Food

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

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

We are getting to the end of the penultimate week of term and to mark this auspicious occasion we have our annual Enterprise Day activities. These are led by Ms Huzzey with support from every single member of staff. It's a fantastic range of tasks and events aimed at harnessing students' enthusiasm and broadening their understanding of the world of business and employment, with a clear focus on the more abstract elements like entrepreneurship. We have lots of special guests coming in to deliver workshops and to support the perennially popular Dragon's Den tasks.

This leads neatly into the excitement of *Sixth Former for a Day* which takes place on Monday. All of Year 11 are involved in a taster day for Year 12. They follow the Sixth Form dress code and experience what life is like once through the threshold of Key Stage 4. They have made their subject choices and it's exciting to see them gain concrete experience of what A Level study looks and feels like; it will help with the process of narrowing down subject choices. I've been speaking with Year 11 informally and formally all week about the Sixth Form and what it might be like, and the sense of excitement and determination to achieve high grades is very much in evidence.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one week, it's Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday! We are slightly out of sync with the national celebration but we are raising money on two fronts. The first recipient is our partner school in Nepal. The second recipient is Save the Children. Our last charity day raised over £700 for Children in Need; it's a simple way of contributing to those less fortunate than ourselves at this festive time. I may stretch to an understated fair-isle knit, breaking my personal embargo on novelty clothing.

That's enough of the future (which reminds me of a philosophical conversation I had with Jamie Mitchell-Cotterell this week; there is no future, only the present, the infinitesimal moment in which we live, but enough of existential matters), last Saturday saw both our Young Enterprise teams set up shop (literally) in St Nick's Market, there to do battle with the massed ranks of YE teams from across the region. Business was brisk, with the Year 12 team shifting lots of cacti, whilst the decorated glassware proved a big



hit amongst the punters for our Y10 team. In the spirit of knocking the stuffing out of previously trendy things for all students (previous achievements in this vein have included playing the drums, now desperately uncool after my 4/4 clunking in LiveLounge, and Instagram – consigned to the social media history books following the launch of our school account) I managed to take a 'selfie' with the Team Cactus board. Well done to both teams for their hard work, it's been a huge endeavour and they are doing fantastically well.

Paul Jones

Calling all Year 7 Parents

The Friends of Bristol Free School will once again be supporting the Christmas Extravaganza held over 2 nights on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December. Our seasonal refreshments are always popular and well received and have the added bonus of raising money for extra resources for the School. We welcome new helpers and if you are able to give half an hour to set up, serve during the interval or clear away, please let us know via the link below.

<http://doodle.com/poll/3xca9ws4rd26q6ta>

Many thanks
Friends of Bristol Free School

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 12 December	Sixth Former for a Day (Y11) Inter-house sports day (Y7 & Y8)
Tuesday 13 December	Y12 (and invited Y11) Maths Inspiration, Cardiff Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Extravaganza
Wednesday 14 December	Inter-house sports day (Y9) Christmas Extravaganza Geography of Food Club Christmas Canapé evening Sixth Form Christmas Social; Saracens Rugby Club
Thursday 15 December	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time trip A Level Art group trip to Tate Modern Movie night—Home Alone
Friday 16 December	Last day of term. Students will be dismissed at 1:40pm

NewPals for Nepal

A big thank you from Singdi Village to BFS and NewPals for Nepal for new clothes donated from unclaimed lost property! Nepal week is coming up from 12 to 15 December. There will be a quiz, a Nepalese short story for silent reading, a Christmas movie night (15 December, Home Alone), competitions, games, and much more! Please bring some change throughout the week to take part. All proceeds are going towards setting up a Cardamom farm to allow Singdi School to fund their own teacher.



Christmas Carolling

On Tuesday 6 December, BFS Dynamics Choir went to Katherine House residential home to perform some Christmas songs. We arrived in a minibus, plus a taxi ('cause there's just too many of us!) and then we warmed up in their little living room. Miss Green was on the piano, and Mr Pate was conducting us, or so he likes to call it...

We sang a variety of well-practised, harmonised Christmas songs, including, but definitely not limited to, 'O Holy Night', 'Once in Royal David's City', 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', and 'Last Christmas'.

During a few of our more upbeat numbers such as 'Deck the Halls' some of the residents were tapping their feet and singing along. However, in a few of our more mellow classics, a couple of people fell asleep...

We sang for around half an hour, had a short break and sang again for a further half an hour before finishing at 3pm. We even got cakes afterwards! Overall, it was a fun, festive and fortissimo performance.

Izzy Tucker, 8TG2



Safeguarding focus

With the ongoing media coverage about sex abuse at football clubs around the country you may find that your child is asking you questions about abuse. The BBC has published guidance on how to talk to children about sex abuse and it is incredibly useful for parents:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38129733?mc_cid=62a88f19b5&mc_eid=fd43a70eb7



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