



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 20 March 2017

Monday

KS4 Fitness

NO HOMEWORK CLUB

Tuesday

Latin GCSE Year 2

Year 8 Parkour

All years Girls' football

Trampolining—GCSE only

Textiles Club (Y9 & 10)

Art Club

School Musical

Italian Club

Science Club

Flying Start Challenge

Model United Nations

Year 10 Young Enterprise

D of E Drop-In

Wednesday

Latin GSCE year 1

Girls' basketball (Y10 & Y11)

Y7, 8 & 9 Boys' Football

Orchestra

Year 9 Punk Band

Outdoor Club

Commercial Dance

A Level & GCSE Drama Rehearsals

Year 12 Young Enterprise

Warhammer School Alliance

Thursday

Y10 & 11 Boys' Football

Mixed Hockey

Y9, Y10 & Y11 Badminton & table-tennis

Street and Hiphop Dance

Jazz Band

Junior Jazz Band

Dressmaking (Y9 & Y10)

Programming Club

French Film Club

Friday

Sports Academy

Words from the Headteacher

We are gearing up for a couple of external events next week. The headliner is our school production of "Wizard of Oz" which takes place at the Newman Hall on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 March. Be prepared for much excitement and amazement; it promises to be the best production yet, an amazing son-et-lumiere spectacle, led by our talented troupe of actors and singers. Oliver! last year showed the strength in depth of our young actors. The dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.

This evening the Jazz band are opening the [Bristol Jazz Festival at the Colston Hall](#); they are on at 5pm in the foyer. It is a brilliant place to play, and the second time Treble Bass have visited this illustrious venue. The band members have all received passes to the other shows over the weekend and will no doubt wear their 'performer' wristbands with pride!



Treble Bass are my favourite school band of all time. I can't think of any other student ensemble I have seen that possess such outstanding musicianship, energy and cohesiveness as this group. They are amazing and this gig should not be missed!

In terms of school business, we have all but concluded our Guided Choices process. As mentioned last week, we will be writing to Year 9 parents with details of each student's choices. This provides a last (but not final) opportunity to check and amend if necessary. Our Year 11 Easter revision sessions are booked in, with additional support from a phalanx of senior advisers from the Trust. We are also lining up May half-term sessions – keep those dates free!

Paul Jones

BFS Community Spring Fair Update

Tickets are selling! They are available outside the school office on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes (children 50p, adults £1, family ticket £2). Please buy early to help the students in their planning.

Do you have any bric-a-brac in good condition that you would like to donate to our stall? Unwanted children's toys, books or clean clothing all welcome. Or, would you like to donate to our tombola prizes? Please get these donations to our reception.

Thank you so much for your support either with donations or with your enthusiasm on the day, or both. *Y10 Achieve*



Red Nose Day 2017
 Next Friday, 24 March, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day. At Bristol Free School, our

Wellbeing Ambassadors are taking charge to raise some money to make the world a better place! They will be running a cake sale and activity stand. So, it's time to dust your sieve off and get baking! We will need a range of cakes to sell so we can raise funds to help a number of projects set up by the Comic Relief charity. Please bring any baked goods for sale to Miss Young's office on the morning of 24 March.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 20 March 2017	
Tuesday 21 March 2017	
Wednesday 22 March 2017	Flying Start Finals University Information Evening, 6:30pm, Sixth Form
Thursday 23 March 2017	Nepal Trip Information Evening, 6:30pm, LRC classrooms Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 24 March 2017	Red Nose Day

Enterprise day and winners trip

On Enterprise day in December, our task was to plan a housing estate. There were four groups; Design, Market, Finance, Sustainability. The design group had to create the layout of the housing estate. They had to decide where to put the allotments, parks, trees, flats and houses. It was a demanding job because the finance group wanted lots of everything and the design team couldn't keep up. They had to make each house by hand and trees which took a while. We all worked really well as a team and it paid off because we won, impressing the judges from the United Communities housing association in the Dragons' Den!

Our reward was a trip to Avon Wildlife's Folly Farm last Friday, donated by Avon Wildlife and Matt Harcourt, one of the dragons on the day. We were expecting it to have farm animals but it was a nature reserve with an education centre to teach people about wildlife and the environment. The day included a nature trail and eating our lunch over a fire we made using the firewood we carried up the muddy hill ourselves. It was another great team-building experience. Thanks Avon Wildlife for the opportunity and Mrs Ballard and Mr Gilman for coaching our winning team!

Alana Hearn 7TG8



5 ways to wellbeing - part 3

The third entry on nef's list of actions to improve well-being:

Take notice

Be curious about the world around you and make sure you take notice of it. It may be remarking on the usual, or simply enjoying the sun on your face as you walk to school / work. In that moment think about how you feel and reflect on your experiences of the world around you. The modern world brings with it a never-ending stream of stimuli. Building in the time to escape this, to stop and think, has a positive impact on how we feel. In addition, actively practising awareness of sensations, our feelings and our thoughts has a beneficial impact on how we feel.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Wizard of Oz tickets are still on sale from and are available from the student ambassador desk during lunchtimes. The performances are Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 March; 7pm at the Newman Hall.

Ticket cost: £3/£2 concessions; please bring correct money as change cannot be provided.

Good luck Charlotte!

Charlotte Lane of Year 7 will compete for her place in the National final of the Young Chef of the Year on Saturday 18 March. We wish her all the best.



Classics Club

Classics at Bristol Free School is going from strength to strength. Around 20 students in Years 7 and 8 attend Classics Club each week. The club positions the learning of Latin within the broader study of various cultural and historical elements of the Ancient World. So far this term, we have used drama and art to explore famous Greek myths such as the stories of Daedalus and Icarus (*noli volare prope solem!*) and King Midas (*vertere omnia ad aurum volo!*) and are now learning about life in 1st century AD Pompeii through the eyes of Caecilius and his family. New students are always welcome to join the club which runs after school on Mondays (Please note that there will be no club on Monday 20 March but we will be back to normal on from 27 March).



The two GCSE groups are also working very hard. Year 11 should be commended for their dedication in studying for an extra GCSE after school, while Year 9 students who have embarked on the GCSE course a year early should be proud of how much they have achieved so far!

Last week, Miss di Martino and 3 teachers from Westbury-on-Trym CofE Academy attended a fantastic training day about how the Minimus Latin course can be used at Key Stages 2 and 3. As a result, Westbury will be launching a Minimus Latin club in the summer term and there are plans to expand the provision of Latin at KS3 here at Bristol Free School from September.

Ms Walsh

Above: making wings for Icarus

Inset Days 2017-18

We have received a number of queries about the inset day dates for the next academic year. The following dates will be added to the term dates page on the school website, but for ease of reference the dates are as follows:

- Term 1**
Monday 4 September 2017
Tuesday 5 September 2017
- Term 2**
Monday 30 October 2017
- Term 3**
Tuesday 2 January 2018
- Term 4**
None
- Term 5**
Monday 9 April 2018
- Term 6**
Monday 4 June 2018
Monday 2 July 2018

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

TREBLE BASS (BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND) - 17:00-17:45

