



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 2 October 2017

### Monday

Y10 and 11 Basketball  
KS4 Latin  
Chamber Choir  
Homework Club

### Tuesday

Y9, 10 and 11 Netball  
Y9 Rugby  
Classics Club  
School Show Rehearsals  
Science Club  
Y12 Young Enterprise  
Philosophy Club  
Spanish Film Club  
Homework Club

### Wednesday

Y7 and 8 Rugby  
Y7 Basketball  
Orchestra  
Folk Band  
Outdoor Club  
Digital Leaders  
French Film Club  
Homework Club

### Thursday

Y8 & 9 Basketball  
Y7 & 8 Netball  
Y10 & 11 Rugby  
Programming  
Jazz Band  
Junior Jazz Band  
Public Speaking Club  
Homework Club

### Friday

G&T 5-a-side Football  
KS4&5 Composition Workshop

*All clubs run from 3:15-4:30pm with the exception of KS4 Latin which finishes at 5:20pm, and Philosophy Club which runs from 3:10-4:00pm*

## Words from the Headteacher

This week we hit 'peak open evening'; which is a bit like 'peak beard'. Either way, if the Headteacher of your local comprehensive is using modish phrases in a newsletter then they are surely no longer modish. Back to the OP, as the hipper, younger people on the interweb might say. On Wednesday we welcomed in prospective parents of Year 7. It was busier, bigger and more intense than ever before. Our staff put on a fantastic array of activities; including the yearly ritual that is blowing things up in science and making esoteric music with the TUBE OF FIRE. Apparently, the MYSTERIOUS SPHERE OF PURPLE LIGHTNING is now a health and safety risk, so Mr Mabey has replaced it with a petri dish of agar. It doesn't have quite the same visual appeal, but showcases our serious approach to these matters. It is reminiscent of one of those 'live TV' things that happens on BBC 4 where a camera tracks a man on a sledge for 12 hours across the Nordic tundra, a programme I'm sure our students raced home from Canford Park to watch, gripped by the intensity of the journey and aware that this was a watercooler TV moment, if they only had watercoolers around which to have TV moments.

We had over 500 people through the doors and managed to squeeze them into our hall for two talks where I set out the aims and aspirations of school, staff and students. My feelings on this evening in particular are a mixture of nerves and an intense pride; that by some accident of birth I am able to stand up as the representative of everyone involved in the school and welcome people in, secure in the knowledge that behind me marches a cavalcade of incredible teachers, parents, FOBFS, expert advisers and above all, our wondrous students.

On Thursday it was the turn of our Year 11 parents; we talked about the complexity of the year ahead, how we work hard to create a harmonious and infinite triangle of support; school – student – parent. The sleeper hit of the evening was Period 7; our staff give up their time to put on precise and targeted sessions aimed at inspiring confidence and readiness for the exams. Parents and students have been bowled over by the quality and depth of these additional sessions and attendance is 100%. Our Year 11 presentation follows on from last week's Year 10 Curriculum Evening and both PowerPoints are on the website. Rest assured that we are here to guide you through the changes and the challenges ahead. Together, we will get there. I am excited and impressed by our Year 11s, they are the first oversubscribed year group, cohesive and very much ours in their entirety and I sense that we are on the cusp of something special.

**Paul Jones**



**Free School Meals**

A reminder that renewals for Free School Meals need to be completed by 30 September 2017.

Should this not be completed, students will go to the dining hall on Monday and not have any money showing on their accounts. If you have not already completed the process, please put it to the top of your to-do list for the weekend!

**Bake Sale**

On Friday 6 October, staff and students will have the opportunity to purchase some delicious hand made cakes during lunchtime to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The bake sale will be held outside Student Services, and should it still be raining they will set up under The Canopy.

Anybody who bakes a cake to donate to the sale will be awarded with a certificate. Cakes should be delivered to C041 before 8:30am on Friday.

Don't forget to bring a bit of cash with you on Friday!

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates	
<b>Monday 2 October 2017</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3 October 2017</b>	Y11 Geography Field Trip Merry Wives of Windsor Cast Workshop Y7&8 Netball vs Cotham at home Y8 Rugby Festival at St Bede's Nepal 2019 Parent Information Evening, 6:30pm, Common Room
<b>Wednesday 4 October 2017</b>	Community Involvement Project to St Katherine's Y9 Netball Festival at Redland Green School Y8-11 Rugby vs Cathedral School, at Failand
<b>Thursday 5 October 2017</b>	Y7&8 Netball vs Oasis Brightstowe, away Y9&10 Rugby vs Redland Green School at Kellaway
<b>Friday 6 October 2017</b>	

**Useful Information**

MENTOR is the UK's leading charity working to prevent alcohol and drug misuse among children and young people. Their website contains lots of useful information:

<http://mentoruk.org.uk/>

If you are concerned about a child please contact the school.



**Outdoor Club**

The rain didn't stop outdoor club having fun this week! We saved frogs, planted spring bulbs and started making plans to make the BFS wildlife pond more amazing...join us next week to help out!

Every Tuesday room C1.26 with Ms Archer and Dr Cooper - always a good idea to bring a coat and shoes you don't mind getting a bit muddy!

**Jazz Band at Nailsea Bike Festival**

On Sunday 17 September, Treble Bass performed at the Nailsea Bike Festival. Yes, they were proper motorbikes, and one was ridden by a skeleton!

Most of the band played, and of course Mr Pate and Ms Huzzey (our number 1 fan) were in attendance. For the morning we became hardcore jazzy bikers. We played an hour long set to the folk of Nailsea and took some photos with skeletons (see @BFS\_music on Instagram).

Most importantly, we played our last gig with Faith, our vibes player; she took the opportunity for an extra long farewell solo during *Feeling Good*. We will all miss her lots, she is very talented!



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