



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 16 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 marked the beginning of the end of the transition phase with our 'settling-in evening'. Year 7 parents and students came in and had a look around the school. It was an opportunity to speak with tutors and find out how they have been doing since the leap to secondary. Parents found it beneficial and enjoyed the informality of it; students were proud to show them round and the conversations with tutors were instructive. Thank you to everyone who came along and to students and staff.

On a similar note, I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit Henleaze Juniors last week and meet with Mr Barber. He showed me around the school and I saw lots of amazing work and teaching across year groups. I have visits lined up with other primary schools within the NW24 cluster. We are focusing our transition work on the curriculum, ensuring that the work done by students in primary schools is built upon and accelerates as they move into secondary. This includes the idea of using shared language so that students can recognise things they have done already, whether it is content or skills, meaning they are quicker to recognise similar learning opportunities. I'm off to St Ursula's later today to meet Mr Moody and to see their first big Year 6 group. I am very excited.

Next week we celebrate the first term of secondary school with our Year 7 poetry performances. The competition is heating up in school and rehearsals are in full swing. We look forward to welcoming in parents on Friday next week at 3.15pm. The level of competition can be intense: reports of 'spies' in corridors, sent on missions to uncover the secrets of rivals; the hoarding of any available cardboard for the creation of full size steam trains; the use of diversionary tactics and fake poems to throw them off the scent. All legitimate tactics in the cold war of poetic competition.

FOBFS Meeting

The Sixth Form common room was the venue for the annual FOBFS meeting. It was a pleasure to see so many new faces and to have such a big crowd of eager people. I've stressed it many times before, but FOBFS relies on the goodwill of people in support of the school, willing to give up time and energy in order to raise funds and enrich the lives of students. I gave a presentation on the short history of the school, then we looked at the differences FOBFS have made to the school and the experiences of students. The list of things they have funded is growing and each item has made a tangible difference to the experiences of our students. We are all looking forward to the next stage of the BFS journey. If you wish to be involved, please get in touch, either via emails or the cutting-edge medium of twitter, where FOBFS have an active social media presence.

Attendance Update

Miss Monsell's tutor group are holding firm at 99.36% thus far, an impressive figure. However, Mrs Wynne-Jones' group are the stalking horses at 99.17% and the gap is closing! Best attendance year group wise is for Year 7, closely followed by Year 11. It's great to see Year 11 hitting their stride and not missing vital sessions of learning.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Registration is now open for our Sixth Form Open Evening;
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bristol-free-school-sixth-form-open-evening-tickets-38382239311>

Paul Jones



Appointments during school hours

Our preference is that you keep routine appointments for your child to outside of the school day so as not to impact on their attendance in lessons, however if this is not possible please keep in mind the following requirements:

- Notify us with as much notice as possible, and not less than 24 hours
- If not provided with your notification, provide your child with proof of the appointment for when they sign in



European Day of Languages

Congratulations to Evie and Megan (7TG1) who were our winners of the Year 7 European Day of Languages Treasure Hunt.

These students spoke to different members of staff and now know greetings in a plethora of different languages. Thank you and well done to all students who entered the competition.

Miss Southall

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 16 October 2017	
Tuesday 17 October 2017	Y7&11 Netball vs St Bede's, away Y7 Rugby vs Redland Green School, away at Kellaway
Wednesday 18 October 2017	Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House Y9&11 Rugby vs Redland Green School, away at Kellaway Sixth Form Social; Film Night Sixth Form Meet the Tutor Evening, 6:30pm
Thursday 19 October 2017	Open Day Game Changers Launch A Level and GCSE Drama students to War Horse, Bristol Hippodrome Girls Cross Country at Oasis Brightstowe
Friday 20 October 2017	Live Lounge; lunchtime Year 7 Poetry Performance, 3pm

Cooking up a storm

It has been a fantastic week in Food Technology with all year groups demonstrating high level skills in all areas!

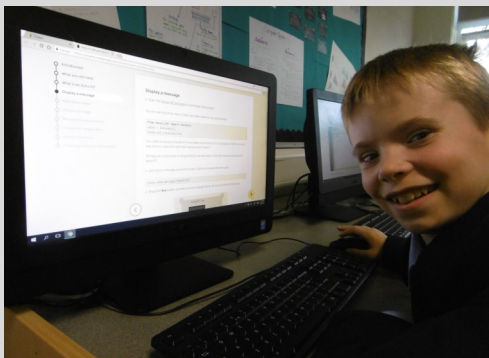
A special mention to both Year 8, for their incredible final



assessment Victoria Sponges (on the front page), and to Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition group for showing resilience in taking on a filleting a whole Sea bass! The sea bass was then cooked En Papillote with accompaniments. Even Mr Truan could not resist a taste!

Well done everybody.

Mr Dayment



BFS goes to Space!

Programming Club attendees and some Year 10 GCSE students had the opportunity to take part in Mission Zero, a coding challenge launched by Astro Pi, where a Raspberry Pi is on the International Space Station.

The code submitted by every student will contribute to the daily routine of the International Space Station by displaying their personal message and the ambient air temperature on the Astro Pi.

Every students code is guaranteed to run for 30 seconds at some point between 12 December 2017 and 1 February 2018!

Cyber Bullying

The government has issued new guidance for parents about cyber-bullying.

It contains lots of useful advice and guidance and also provides links to a number of social networking sites advice pages:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444865/Advice_for_parents_on_cyberbullying.pdf