



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 6 November 2017

Monday Y10 and 11 Basketball KS4 Latin Chamber Choir Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in 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 Orchestra Folk Band Outdoor Club Digital Leaders French Film Club Homework Club Please note Girls Cricket is not running this term

Thursday

Y8 & 9 Basketball Y7 & 8 Netball Y10 & 11 Rugby Programming Jazz Band Junior Jazz Band Public Speaking Club Craft Club—by invitation only 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

Welcome Back and Mock Exams

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break. With the changing of the clocks comes the shortening of daylight and the move towards crepuscular journeys to school and back. For Year 11, this term contains our mock GCSE exams. We expect students to be revising ferociously, using the guidance from teachers and also our wide range of additional resources, including GCSE Pod. The first exam is in three weeks' time. The first written exam is on Monday 20 November, with MFL speaking exams on 16 and 17 November. We view these exams as a vital indication of student progress and they help shape our teaching from January onwards. In this respect, students need to approach them with utmost seriousness, as though they were the real thing. The website will soon have lists of useful revision guides for Year 11 as well as Year 10.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Next Wednesday we have our Sixth Form Open Evening. We are expecting it to be very busy, interest is running high and the reputation of our fantastic school is growing rapidly. There will be a range of activities showcasing our fantastic Sixth Form lessons, a talk outlining all aspects of provision from Mr Walker, and the opportunity to talk with members of staff. We look forward to seeing you on the evening. It will also mark the 'premiere' of our Sixth Form film; an informative snapshot of life in Years 12 and 13. I've had a glimpse in advance and it is super. Sam Hobbs, our very own Asif Kapadia, was involved in the production.

Sporting Success

Two of our students have achieved fantastic things in different sports this week. At the weekend, Bryn Ruck took part in the Western League Cyclo-Cross event at Mendip Raceway. It's a filthy sport, involving riding a bike around a rugged, challenging course, with steps, banking and mud everywhere. Bryn glided around the course, immune to the clagging effect of dirt and grime, defying gravity on the inclines and soaring down the slopes with speed and souplesse. A last minute tussle with a bitter rival wasn't enough to derail his sprint to victory; a fantastic result.

George Fowler pulled on the blue and white check of Bristol Rovers on Thursday, in a match against Forest Green. George had been selected on the bench for the Under 18 team in the local(ish) derby of the two South Gloucestershire titans. George played a key role in their game plan from centre midfield; quick to the tackle and dominating possession. The game lumbered into extra-time, and with no-one able to break the deadlock, it came down to a penalty shootout, with Rovers winning 4 -2. It was a huge day for George and a brilliant achievement, we are very proud.

Paul Jones





School Photos

The photos from NextGen photography were delivered this week and have been distributed to students via their tutors.

Please make sure you search school bags over the weekend to ensure you have received your order!

DofE update

All Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme participants have now been given their welcome packs.

Usernames for the e-DofE accounts will be issued next week. If your child has any questions regarding the DofE scheme please remind them that they can attend a DofE drop in session any Tuesday tutor time or lunchtime in ICT1.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 6 November 2017	Exam resits
Tuesday 7 November 2017	Exam resits
Wednesday 8 November 2017	Exam resits Community Involvement Project visit St Katherine's House
	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 9 November 2017	Sixth Form Trip: HE+ Masterclass, at BCCS Finance, Buildings and Premises Governors Meeting Staffing and Development Governors Meeting
Friday 10 November 2017	

Outdoor Club

This week in Outdoor Club our pupils were making bird feeders they had designed before half term.

Using recycled materials such as milk bottles, vegetable cartons and wooden spoons, they crafted some fabulous seed dispensers to keep our feathered friends well-fed now we are getting some colder weather. Some of these are hanging around the pond area at Bristol Free School, so hopefully we can set up our camera traps to see who comes!



Poetry Performance

On Friday 20 October, Year 7 rounded off the term with an amazing batch of poetry performances.

Each Learning Group spent some time researching effective tricks and techniques of performance poetry, before choosing a poem, rehearsing, creating props, and learning lines by heart. Finally they performed twice in one day, first in front of their whole year group, and then in front of a standing room only audience of parents.

The courage needed to do this is immense, and they all excelled, and so deserve a huge amount of praise. Not many members of staff, and probably very few parents, could comfortably pull off such polished performances under that pressure!

Special mention goes to Ms Monsell's class (7LG5) who came third with "Gus the Theatre Cat", to Mr Jones and 7LG1 who came second with 'Stargazer' by Louis MacNeice, and praise goes to Mr Thomas' 7LG7, who came a comfortable first, the decision from the three judges being unanimous. Their adapted Michael Rosen poem "No Breathing In Class" set a new standard which Year 7 will struggle to beat next year. However, all members of the English team will enjoy trying.

Many thanks to Ms Procter, Head of KS3 English, for running the whole show.

E-Safety for parents

Whilst a little on the old side these videos serve as useful reminders of the danger of the online world that our children live in. A little shocking perhaps, but both make incredibly valid points.

Where's Klaus:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IOOn2wR8bU

Beware the digital playground:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ApfDVJbcS0

Science Funds

Bristol Free School are once again entered for the Bristol Post '10k Science Giveaway' competition. Tokens will be printed in the Bristol Post Monday-Friday from 3 November (today) until 4 December. The more tokens we collect, the greater chance we have of winning £10,000 for our Science Department. Tokens can be sent to the address printed in the newspaper. For more information please visit the Bristol Post website.







