



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 20 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
Flying Start Club
Homework Club

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

It's been a tumultuous week. The highest point has been the GCSE Presentations on Thursday evening. In my speech I took the opportunity to thank parents who have placed their trust in us to educate and enthuse their children; something more prospective parents than ever before have done this year. It is a responsibility we carry with us at all times as teachers, and this wondrous profession allows for the joyous and noble task of carrying out these responsibilities. Our most recent leavers took a chance and opted for an unfinished school in temporary accommodation with 16 teachers, in the hope that everything we said we would do would lead to excellent outcomes. It was fantastic to spend some time in reflection, celebrating the end of this stage of the journey and thinking about what the future holds.

I expect and hope that those leaving us this year and next, and in the years to come, are in a position to live and work with passion, integrity and humility. I want young people who think about their principles and the things that matter, and stay true to these, even whilst others doubt them. Don't be chipped away at, marginalised, stopped, or sucked into the machine; stay true to what you believe in.

From this point on, wherever they are, I look forward to seeing the difference that they make to this chaotic, beautiful and sometimes troubling world. This is the character of the school, these are our shared values.

BFS 35 - 0 Oasis Brightstowe

Our Year 8 first team headed out this week to a dank and darkening patch of scrubland in the outer margins of Shirehampton and an encounter with the fifteen-headed hydra that was the Oasis Brightstowe team. Conditions were challenging with a surface layer of muddy liquid proving less than ideal for our fleet-footed game-plan. The rivers of mud and rain conspired to dampen any attack; until Joel Depusior picked up the ball on the half-way line and scorched across the sump to open the scoring. Not content, he bagged a brace with another fine individual effort, breaking through clunking tackles and emerging into deep space, an interstellar comet bursting through the Kuiper Belt and into the heliopause; nothing but the void stretching out ahead and the yearning promise of infinite glory.

Renico Bailey showed nimble footwork, a quick step and a feint, to touch down under the posts. With 15 points on the board at half-time, the team wanted more. Not content with victory, they wanted the spoils, to leave the embittered foe sinking beneath their own mud. Andrew Anderson laid down the early marker, gliding through grasping claws, a predatory peregrine amongst sulking seagulls. We grew stronger, sharper, with better technique, lines were straighter, angles more acute; all lessons learned from Mr Cousins – the shortest line from A to B. The hapless defence creaked, groaned, then collapsed under the inexorable weight of pressure and panache. Luke Phillips led the raids, both in attack and defence. The new recruits played their part; Leo Noriega and Myles Redfern threw themselves into the action; always moving forwards.

The team remains invincible; undefeated in two years.

Paul Jones



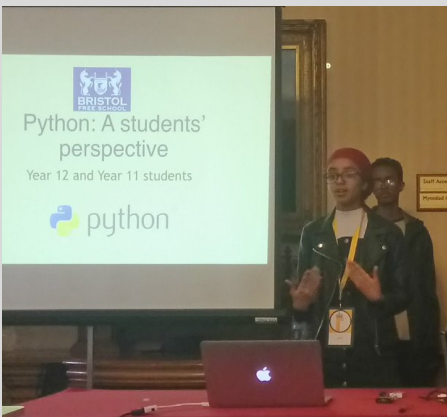
Outdoor Club

This week Outdoor Club had a lot of fun designing and making natural rafts to compete in a very lively and excitable pond race. All vessels successfully made it across (with a few prods here and there), and no shipwrecks!



Students deliver excellent presentation at PyCon UK

On Saturday 28 October, 14 Year 12 and Year 11 students headed off early in the morning to Cardiff City Hall with Mrs Sherman and Miss Chim to take part in a number of workshops using Raspberry Pis that included programming traffic lights, exploring the world of Minecraft Pi and experimenting with sound and light components. Five students also joined Mrs Sherman in delivering a presentation about their experience of Python in education, the importance of computer science in the curriculum and the skills, such as computational thinking, computer science has given them to support their learning.



They were articulate and answered questions from the audience, made up of education and industry professionals, incredibly well. Based on the presentation and one student's active discussion with a software development company, we have secured discounts on software to support curriculum as well as professionals keen to come in and work with our students. Plus they got a free pair of socks! We are very proud of them. Well done!

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 20 November 2017	Y11 and 13 Mock Exams
Tuesday 21 November 2017	Y11 and 13 Mock Exams Merry Wives of Windsor Dress rehearsals and performance Y10 Netball vs RGS Young Chef of the Year Bristol Heat Public Speaking Competition at Colston's
Wednesday 22 November 2017	Y11 and 13 Mock Exams Community Involvement Programme visit St Katherine's House Embrace (docu-film) Screening, 6pm
Thursday 23 November 2017	Y11 and 13 Mock Exams Latin students to talk on Aeneid at Badminton School Year 9 Subject Evening
Friday 24 November 2017	Y11 and 13 Mock Exams

DofE update

All Bronze participants should log into edofe.org using their usernames and temporary password as given on Show My Homework. All details for the voluntary, skill and physical sections should be completed and submitted for approval by the end of next week. If your child has any questions regarding their DofE award they should come to the drop in session during Tuesday tutor time.

Sports Hoodies

The hoodies ordered in September have arrived, and they are available to collect from the PE office. We will be doing the next round of orders shortly, letters will be available from 27 November with a deadline of 8 December for orders to have been received.

Flying Start

This week saw the first of the Flying Start clubs after school on Wednesday. It will run until early February. During this time students will work with engineers to design, build and fly mini gliders in competition with each other. The winning teams will then go to Airbus to compete against other schools. Please speak to Mr Turner for more information.

Great Opportunity for STEM Students: CyberFirst Bursary and Degree Apprenticeships

The National Cyber Security Centre (a part of GCHQ) is offering students a chance after their A Levels to help them get into Cyber Security, whether or not they have studied Computer Science previously. A CyberFirst bursary offers undergraduates £4000 per year and paid summer work experience and a CyberFirst Degree Apprenticeship gives students the opportunity to earn whilst they learn. Both route help you prepare for a job with the UK Intelligence Community. This information has been shared with Sixth Form students on SMHW and further details can be found on this link <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/articles/cyber-first-bursary-scheme>

The deadline for the Bursary is Monday 27 November and the Apprenticeship is Monday 20 November 2017.

Sexting and Privacy Apps

Sadly, the sharing of indecent images by secondary school children with their peers is not a rare event. It has even been reported in primary schools too. You may check your child's phone regularly however teenagers are a clever bunch, and frequently find a way around most methods adults use to catch them out.

There are a number of apps that allow a user to hide any photos they don't want others to see, including parents and teachers. Many of these apps are disguised as calculators or other 'ordinary apps'. They often use an icon which is similar to the inbuilt app so as to better disguise themselves. One popular 'secure' photo store is Calculator Vault. A teenager was recently issued with a Sexual Harm Prevention Order due to their keeping photos of his peers on this app. One for us all to be aware of.

More information can be found here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>