



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 7 May 2018

Monday

Tennis
KS4 Latin
Chamber Choir
Homework Club

Tuesday

Tutor and lunchtime—DofE drop in
Y9 Textiles Club
Y7/8 Boys Cricket
Y7/8 Girls Rounders
School Show Rehearsals
Science Club
Y12 Young Enterprise
Philosophy Club
Spanish Film Club
Homework Club

Wednesday

Y9/10 Boys Cricket
Orchestra
Y7/8 Girls Rounders
Folk Band
KS3 Art Club (limited spaces)
Digital Leaders
Flying Start
Homework Club

Thursday

All Years Mixed Athletics
Programming Club
Craft Club
Jazz Band
French Film Club
Junior Jazz Band
Public Speaking Club
Homework Club

Friday

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

We are the champions! Congratulations to our Under 16 girls football team! They paid their dues, time after time. Mistakes? They made a few. Had their share of (metaphorical) sand kicked in their face but they came through. 9 - 1 winners (yes, 9 - 1) of their final final... I think this makes them champions of the world (certainly the best in this part of the west). Mo' Salah who? The next Ballon d'Or winner should be Ellie (the predator) Preece for the 5 scored against KLB. A match report follows and she and the other Year 11 girls involved can now get back to their revision!

A special mention to the Year 9 boys too. They'll be disappointed that they lost their final final. Champions of Bristol and South Glos, but sadly beaten 1-0 in the Gloucestershire trophy game. Winning is a wonderful achievement, but there's a lot to be said for losing with grace and humility. The runners-up work just as hard as the champions and their achievement is one we and they can be very proud of. They played well and were gallant foes, who the neutral observer noted deserved more than they got from the game. Well done boys.

It was also a wonderful week for our performers. Musical talent showcased by a variety of acts (hugely impressive as always) and let's not forget that we have a dance performance to look forward to next week. The hard work of our students, hours of practice and unwavering commitment pays off and can be seen in the quality of the end product. The industry continues off the pitch and beyond the practice rooms of course. There's no escaping the fact that hard work is still required in the classroom, kitchen, living room and bedroom. GCSEs start in earnest within the next fortnight.

Finally, I would like to make parents aware of a new safeguarding and wellbeing initiative that the school has launched. We've introduced a new reporting system for students, called "confide". A confide button has now appeared on all of our computers, logged in or not, and students can use it to report any concern to us; be it a worry about another student's wellbeing, a bullying issue or an incident of discrimination. Reports can be anonymous, however this may affect how effectively we can respond to the concern. Parents can also report concerns (but must provide their name) to confide, using the address: confide@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher

End of Year Assessments

Last week you will all have received an email relating to end of year exams for students in Year groups 7 - 10. Whilst the longer evenings and hope of warmer weather isn't always conducive to after school revision, parental support in this matter is an essential part of this process. Logging into Show my Homework to double check the revision tasks set and providing a quiet space for study is extremely helpful, and of course the LRC is open until 4:30pm Monday to Thursday for quiet study.

In the coming weeks revision strategies will be covered during tutor times to support students in the lead up to their exams. The earlier students are prepared for their external assessments the less daunting they appear in the future.

Sally Jenkins
Assistant Headteacher



Important—Road Safety

Last week there was a minor accident on Concorde Drive, serving as a sharp reminder as to why (even if it is raining) parents should not drive their children right up to the school gate.

Please help us reduce the risk to our students, and difficulties for our neighbours, by parking away from the gates for pick up and drop off.

Uniform—piercings

A reminder to parents that our uniform policy has clear guidelines around piercings. The policy is on our website.

Clear studs are not permitted.

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 7 May 2018	BANK HOLIDAY—school closed
Tuesday 8 May 2018	PE Display for Dance and Gymnastics Music Tour Parents Information Evening
Wednesday 9 May 2018	Community Involvement Project Visit St Katherine's House Y9&10 Boys Cricket vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, away
Thursday 10 May 2018	Y7&8 Boys Cricket vs Orchard, away Year 12 Subject Evening
Friday 11 May 2018	
Saturday 12 May 2018	Dynamics and Hollow Trees at Westbury on Trym Fair

Match Report—U16 Girls, County Champions

Team BFS looked for another trophy to add to their cabinet this week when the U16 girls football team, already crowned Bristol and South Gloucestershire champions, travelled to Frys Club in Keynsham to face Katherine Lady Berkeley School in the County Cup final. This will be the final time that many of these girls will put on a BFS football jersey, and so the team were determined to finish on a high after an already incredible season.

The midfield pairing of Anna Fraser and Zoe Toye dominated the centre of the park, showing off their range of passing as well as showing some sublime touches. Anna scored two early goals to put Team BFS in the driving seat, but rather than maintain possession and defend their lead, the girls went on the attack for more goals. The KLB defence couldn't handle the exceptional movement of Women of the Match Ellie Preece, drawing in defenders before turning into the space left in behind, providing her with opportunity after opportunity. Ellie finished the game on five goals, and was also brought down in the box after dancing through several defenders before the opposition had no other alternative to stop her scoring her sixth of the game. Sydney Browne stepped up to take the penalty and slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

KLB were looking for their star player to spark life into their performance, a talented footballer who represents Bristol City Ladies, however she came up against a rock in defence in the form of Phoebe Neville. Every tackle, header and second ball was won by Phoebe who always enjoys the challenge of dominating her opposing player. However, KLB showed their fighting spirit and pulled a goal back, giving them a glimmer of hope. Martha Haines made a fantastic save at a crucial point in the game, high to her left which maintained a comfortable lead for Team BFS. Throughout she was protected by a tireless defensive unit, with nothing getting past Hannah Warren, Millie Chaplin and Hazuki Foster. Holly Neville sitting in defensive midfield made tackle after tackle to break up play, halting any rhythm to their attack.

After weathering the storm the BFS girls looked to kill the game off, and Holly Freke delivered one of her trademark shots from wide which flew into the roof of the net, her fourth goal from that position this season. Elisa Saunders and Polly Garton came on to add both energy and quality to the game in the final stages, which were played out with BFS maintaining possession knowing that they will be crowned County Champions at the final whistle, being the first girls football team in the history of BFS to achieve that accolade. The final score finished 9-1 to BFS, a fitting send off for our Y11 students who have always represented the school with such pride and integrity.



Players: Hannah Warren, Holly Neville, Zoe Toye, Holly Freke, Sydney Browne, Phoebe Neville, Anna Fraser, Martha Haines, Elisa Saunders, Polly Garton, Hazuki Foster, Mille Chaplin, Ellie Preece.