



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 14 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  
French Film Club  
Homework Club

### Thursday

All Years Mixed Athletics  
Programming Club  
Art Club  
Jazz Band  
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

I gleefully took the opportunity to discuss ‘what I’m currently reading’ with a Year 7 tutor group this week. Randall Munroe’s “what if”, described by Ben Goldacre (of TED fame) as “nerd royalty” is a wonderful read in addition to a ringing endorsement of one’s geeky character. Munroe ponders the possibility of making a jet-pack from a machine gun, the implications of striking a baseball pitched at 90% of the speed of light and, amongst other things, what would happen if everyone in the world gathered in the same place, jumped up in the air in unison so that they all landed as one. The answers to these hypothetical questions are based on scientific rules and laws and generally involve the destruction of the planet...or something far less remarkable. The book is written in a way that engaged and amused me and consequently I enjoyed (really, really enjoyed) sharing some of the questions and their answers with 7TG6. I recommend it. If popular science isn’t for you then you don’t have to look too far for a little [awe and wonder](#) that gets you thinking or [puts a smile](#) on your face.

As the world continues on its relentless journey, historical moment by historical moment (the USA’s rejection of the Iran Nuclear agreement, North Korea’s continued thaw) it is important to take time to enjoy the little things. Art, Drama, French and Spanish speaking exams already done ... and now an intense month of judgment has arrived for Year 11 and 13. GCSE and A-Level exams will soon be history (for this Year 11 and 13 cohort anyway) but whilst the light at the end of the tunnel is there for all to see there’s still so much work to be done. Preparing effectively for exams is paramount (for all students!) however I would encourage all at BFS to break-up their revision with moments of non-exam related contemplation. It will help keep those neurones feeling as refreshed and relaxed as possible.

Half term is almost upon us and we reflect on the work done at BFS this year. There have been Mega, if not Terajoules, of energy transferred by students, volunteers, parents and staff. It takes a huge amount of effort and whilst I will invariably miss a few out, I’d like to give a few thank yous to finish. Thank you to the Year 12 parents who attended subject evening en masse. Thank you to the Year 11 students who organised the Nepal mufti day this week. It’s inspiring when students go that extra mile for a good cause. Thank you to the dancers and gymnasts, supported by Ms Hammond, who put on a phenomenal show this week. Once again, persistent hard work and preparation led to amazing outcomes—a lesson for us all—especially in the exam season!

**Ben Sillince**  
Acting Headteacher



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**Clubs Outside of School**

Your child may be involved in clubs and activities outside of school. Safeguarding children involved in sporting activities is of vital importance. If you would like to know more there is lots of guidance out there. For example:

**Safeguarding in Athletics**

<http://www.uka.org.uk/governance/welfare-and-safeguarding/guidance-documents-and-policy/>

**Safeguarding In Cricket**

[www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources](http://www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources)

**Safeguarding in Football**

[www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding](http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding)

**Safeguarding in Gymnastics**

<https://www.british-gymnastics.org/coaching/coach-membership/safeguarding-and-compliance>

**Key dates for next week**

Please see the calendar at [www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk) for other important dates

<b>Saturday 12 May 2018</b>	Dynamics and Hollow Trees at Westbury on Trym Fair
<b>Sunday 13 May 2018</b>	Spanish students arrive for Exchange
<b>Monday 14 May 2018</b>	Students, Curriculum and Standards Governors Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday 15 May 2018</b>	Salter's Festival of Chemistry Critical Consumer Workshops for Y8&Y9 from Bristol University Sixth Form Music Recital
<b>Wednesday 16 May 2018</b>	Y10 Food Preparation and Nutrition Mock Exam Spanish Exchange to Blaise Castle Community Involvement Project visit St Katherine's House Y7&8 Super 6 Athletics, away at Orchard
<b>Thursday 17 May 2018</b>	Y10 Food Preparation and Nutrition Mock Exam Spanish Exchange walking tour of Bristol Athletics Trials Y7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls Rounders, vs Cotham at home Year 7 Transition Evening
<b>Friday 18 May 2018</b>	Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
<b>Saturday 19 May 2018</b>	Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
<b>Sunday 20 May 2018</b>	Spanish Exchange students depart

**Just in Case Cupboard**

We are always grateful for donations of second hand items of uniform for the cupboard of spares at Student Services.

We are running low on trousers so if you have any stored away because they are outgrown, please deliver them to reception.

**Exams next week**

Full timetable is available [here](#). (Detailed Year 11 timetables which include the exams below and revision sessions, have been issued separately to Year 11 students)

Day	Date	Time	Subject	Level	Exam Details
Monday	14-May	AM	Computer Science	GCSE	Paper 1: Computer Systems
			Latin	GCSE	Paper 1: Language
		PM	RE	GCSE	Paper 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices (Route A)
			Further Maths	AS Level	Further Pure 1
Tuesday	15-May	AM	French	GCSE	Paper 1: Listening and Understanding in French
			French	GCSE	Paper 3 : Reading and Understanding in French
		PM	Biology	GCSE	Biology Paper 1
Wednesday	16-May	AM	PE	GCSE	Paper 1: The human body and movement in physical activity and sport
			Mathematics	A Level	C1: Core Maths (Resits)
		PM	RE	GCSE	Paper 2: Thematic studies (Route A)
Thursday	17-May	AM	Chemistry	GCSE	Chemistry Paper 1
		PM	Computer Science	GCSE	Paper 2: Computational thinking, algorithms and programming
			Latin	GCSE	Paper 2: Prose Literature A or B
			French	GCSE	Paper 4: Writing in French
Friday	18-May	AM	Drama	GCSE	Understanding Drama
		PM	PE	GCSE	Paper 2: Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport



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KS3, KS4, KS5 P7 Thursday C041