

Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 4 June 2018

Monday
INSET DAY

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

Who would have thought it? Humans only need 3 numbers...I'm sure that our GCSE mathematicians wished this were the case during the maths exam this week! Curiously it is true. Amazonian tribes, who exist deep in the jungle far from the influence of our world have a very different perspective of number to us. They have only 3 words that can loosely be linked to our numbers and, as such, can distinguish one jaguar from two but, beyond that, will settle for 'many'. Sometimes we will see a 6 where another will see a 9 yet a member of the Mundurucu tribe wouldn't see a number at all. If that arouses your curiosity, then I would recommend 'Alex's Adventures in Numberland'. A mathematically challenging but hugely interesting read that would certainly beat an evening of Fortnite (it also contains the secret for how to guarantee you'll win the lottery - handy). On the subject of Fortnite, gaming and the more generic online world, the following link is an interesting (but at times uncomfortable) read. It will develop your understanding of online 'lingo' used by teens these days and may also give cause for some concern and shock. <https://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/site-page/teen-translation-tool>

Exam season continues to go well. Year 11 students continue to comment on how very useful our structured revision programme is proving when they get into the exams. Let's hope that this focused and refined hard work pays off in August, come results day. Students have also been enjoying the occasional exam breakfast (right) where they have been able to fuel up and enjoy some last minute cramming with friends. I have to say that the Year 11s and 13s have conducted themselves in a thoroughly admirable way. The last week has been truly taxing yet they have applied themselves to the task with impressive enthusiasm and a Churchill-esque stoicism. Well done and a huge thank you from me as we move into a welcome week of rest and revision.



Remember that the week has not been all exams. A huge number of Year 9 students completed their Bronze DofE trek last weekend. I visited them at their campsite on Friday evening (briefly) where students told me "we had to walk uphill all day!" I reassured said students; if today had been all uphill then, at least, they'd be able to roll home tomorrow. Dr Cooper reports that they were all excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done all. Our sports leaders led Sports Day at Westbury on Trym primary school on Wednesday, a wonderful example of student leadership at its best. Mrs Wynne-Jones was really pleased with their efforts and stated that the day could not have gone better. Thank you to the wonderful FoBFS, who sold cakes for good causes today (writing this piece in advance, I predict that I will have enjoyed more cake than I require). Finally, and lest we forget, we saw an incredibly successful Spanish exchange last week (a full report follows). Thank you to students and families for hosting our guests. School will continue during the break for those asked to attend focused revision sessions, however I think that, after such a busy term, we've all earned a rest!

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How do you develop positive self-esteem in your child?

Dove have resources to support parents in developing self-esteem in their children. Find more information here:

<https://www.dove.com/uk/dove-self-esteem-project/help-for-parents.html>

Dancing into the Finals

Huge congratulations to Elize who was placed second on 13 May at the ‘Follow your Dreams’ competition, in both her Lyrical and Contemporary dance solos. By achieving such a great result, Elize has qualified for the national finals at the end of the year. For both her solos, she was also placed in the top 5 highest points out of every dance category in her age group, with a score of 89 for her Lyrical and 88 for Contemporary solo. Well done, Elize!



Key dates for next school week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 4 June 2018	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 June 2018	Dynamics and Hollow Trees at the Colston Hall, 5pm
Wednesday 6 June 2018	She Rallies Tennis Festival Community Involvement Project visit to St Katherine’s House
Thursday 7 June 2018	Y7&8 Boys Cricket vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, away Finance, Buildings and Premises Governors Committee Meeting Staffing and Development Governors Committee Meeting
Friday 8 June 2018	Girls Kwick Cricket Festival Dynamics Choir at Southmead Hospital
Saturday 9 June 2018	Avon Schools Athletics Championships

Exams after half term

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)

As you can see below, there are exams taking place on INSET day. There are also revision sessions. These are detailed on the letter sent this week and the timetables issued to Year 11 students.

Students should be in full uniform.

Day	Date	AM/PM	Subject	Qualification	Unit/Paper	Duration
Monday	04-Jun	AM	History	GCSE	Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment	1h 15m
			Geography	A Level	Physical Geography	2h 30m
		PM	Physics A	A Level	Paper 1: Modelling Physics	2h 15m
			Psychology	A Level	Issues and options in Psychology	2h
Tuesday	05-Jun	AM	English language	GCSE	Paper 1: Fiction and Imaginative writing	1h 45m
			RE	A Level	Philosophy of religion and Ethics	3h
		PM	Geography	GCSE	Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment	1h 30m
			Chemistry A	A Level	Paper 1: Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry	2h 15m
			Economics	A Level	Paper 1: Markets and how they work	2h
Wednesday	06-Jun	AM	Spanish	GCSE	Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Spanish	35m(F) 45m(H)
			Spanish	GCSE	Paper 3: Reading & Understanding in Spanish	45m(F) 1h(H)
			Mathematics	A Level	M1: Mechanics	1h 30m
		PM	Business Studies	GCSE	Unit 2: Building a business	1h 30m
			Music	GCSE	Appraising	1h 45m
			History	A Level	Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations	2h 15m
Thursday	07-Jun	AM	Mathematics	GCSE	Paper 2: Calculator	1h 30m
			Biology A	A Level	Paper 1: Biological Processes	2h 15m
		PM	English Literature	A Level	Paper 1: Drama and Poetry pre-1900	2h 30m
Friday	08-Jun	AM	English language	GCSE	Paper 2: Non-Fiction and Transactional Writing	2h
			Physics A	A Level	Paper 2: Exploring Physics	2h 15m
			Psychology	A Level	Introductory topics in Psychology	2h
		PM	History	GCSE	Paper 2: Period study and British depth study	1h 45m
			Geography	A Level	Human Geography	2h 30m



Spanish Exchange

Another successful Spanish Exchange has come to an end! Our Year 9s and 10s are still buzzing from being involved in such a worthwhile, exciting – yet tiring week! Our Spanish counterparts couldn't express their gratitude enough for the generosity, kindness and warmth which their host families, new friends and BFS Staff showed during their stay here at Bristol Free School.

With the help of some dedicated staff, Miss Southall and Miss Ryan kept them all busy with exciting workshops – making cream teas, programming their own games and even recording the next Catalan Eurovision entry – amongst other insightful activities!

BFS students were delightful hosts in showing their partners the highlights of what Bristol has to offer and we know they were disappointed to see them leave on Sunday. We can already see the huge impact this exchange has had on their confidence in spoken Spanish.

¡Viva el intercambio!





BFS Summer BBQ

Friday July 13th

Meaty BBQ options

Pulled Pork

12hr smoked shoulder over oak and apple woods, hand shredded and lightly sauced

Proper Beef Burgers

Minced beef chuck with a touch of salt and pepper (GF)
- optional Cheddar or Mexican cheese

Lamb Shawarma Burgers

Minced lamb mixed with Lebanese/Turkish spices. (GF)
served w/ optional Tzatziki lettuce, cucumber, tomato, red onion

Quality sausages, 8 inch long, in two flavours:

- British Classic pork sausage
- Nacho Beef – spicy 'Tex-Mex' Beef sausage
- made with Jalapenos, cumin, coriander, Mexican cheese

Vegan & Veggie options

Chickpea & Bean Burgers - vegan

Hand made with basil, sun dried tomato, garlic, lemon zest & juice

Halloumi Cheese Burger - vegetarian

served w/ optional Tzatziki lettuce, cucumber, tomato, red onion

We pride ourselves on supporting local business, all our meat produce is locally sourced from the Wood Family Butchers in Shirehampton.

BBQ Rubs and Sauce from Angus & Oink.

Chilli Sauce from Cheyney Chilli Farm.