



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 11 June 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

Welcome back! The thermometer is slowly creeping up and I have had to make the decision to outlaw blazers for the last 7 weeks of the year. I say outlaw - however, I won't be labelling kids as Billy, Butch Cassidy or Sundance if they decide to bring their blazer on what could be termed a traditionally British (chilly) June day.

So then, our imitation of a summer has arrived. Students can safely forget their blazers without fear of reprisal (they must bring a tie however, as they'll be needed except on the hottest of days) and there are a host of things to look forward to over the next few weeks, such as Enterprise Day, Music tours (the musicians rocked the Colston Hall again on Tuesday, as we have come to expect), Annie performances, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, summer BBQs, Sports Day, the end of the exam season and much more. Lots to fit in, yet the end of 2017/18 is nigh. (Whilst students will be thrilled I imagine that many parents are not!) To emphasise just how close we are to the end of the year: if my calculations are correct, and students include weekends and holidays, they have 42 days off until September compared to the 32 days in school left to go.

The end of the academic year is generally pretty joyous. Of course students have that blank canvas of 6 weeks off to look forward to, yet it is also a time of year when we celebrate the positive and inspiring actions and achievements of our students. For example, each year, students from Years 7 to 11 are nominated for the 'Spirit of Bristol Free School'. When they reach Year 11 their various nominations are considered by an impartial FOBFS panel with the award going to the student who most epitomizes the BFS spirit. They will live and breathe our core values, whether it be within the school or beyond in the local community. If you know of a deserving student who has gone above and beyond, and for some reason we are not aware of this (due to their considerable humility perhaps) please let us know.

Speaking of the BFS spirit, Stan in Year 11 is adopting an extreme haircut following the completion of his exams. He will be removing his fine head of hair in aid of Young Minds. He follows in the admirable footsteps of Jacob earlier this year, who managed to avoid rebuke for his Cancer charity close shave by timing it just before a holiday to allow sufficient regrowth! If you would like to support an excellent and relevant cause please visit Stan's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stanng>

They say "save the best until last", and on that note I'm sure that you've been as engrossed in the advent of GDPR as we have been. Although it's likely that it won't be the topic of conversation on many first dates, it is very important, and it arrived on 25 May. We have reviewed our use of all things data, and published guidance and policy on our website relating to the new regulation. It can be found here: <https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/privacy.php>

**Ben Sillince**  
Acting Headteacher



**School Uniform**

Parents should be aware that in the warmer weather, students do not need to wear their blazers. The decision to remove ties will be made by Mr Sillince on a day to day basis ready for the first lesson. Other than blazers, students should arrive at school in full uniform each day.

If you are eking out trousers for the next 6 weeks and replacing for the new school year, Marks and Spencer at Cribbs Causeway are giving a 20% discount on school uniform from 5 June until 3 July.

Student Services will gladly receive any donations of outgrown uniform for the “emergencies” cupboard!

**Valencia—Student Report**

We left BFS at 5:30am to fly to Valencia. As we were all incredibly tired from the 12-hour trip, some of us had a *siesta* while others tried out the hotel’s rooftop pool! We then had a delicious three-course Spanish meal.

The second day we had breakfast at the hotel, which was tasty. We then went to the old quarter and visited the elaborately decorated cathedral. We practised our Spanish at the market, walked up *Serranos* Towers before returning to the pool. On the third day, we had a tour of the *Mestalla* Stadium and they even let us go on the pitch. We then walked through scenic parks to the City of Arts and Science Museum (the picture on the front page). The architecture of the buildings was incredible.

On our last day, we went to *la Playa de la Malvarrosa*. It was wonderfully hot so we ate ice cream, played football or had a dip in the sea. After, we went to a *Churrería* and had *churros con chocolate* and milkshakes.

Thank you to Mrs Paredes-Bartlett for organising the fantastic trip to allow us to experience the wonderful city of Valencia and test our Spanish first hand. We would also like to give a massive thank you to the other incredible staff (Miss Burrell, Mr Keen, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Rupprecht).

*Sophie Flower and Charlie Proctor*

**Academic Poster Presentation**

Monday 14 May was the HE+ finale at City Hall, Bristol where six of our Year 12 students attended the Academic Poster presentation event.

Throughout the year, these students had taken part in independent research supported by the HE+ event which is run by Cambridge University. Dan Whetton (pictured), Izzy Phillips and Christophe Hooper had their posters selected for the competition judging, where Dan received a prize for one of the Top 5 posters. Harry Moss, Christopher McWhan and Matthew Ghosh also had their posters on display.

It was a very proud day for Bristol Free School to see such talent and dedication represented by their academic posters.



**Key dates for next week**

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

<b>Monday 11 June 2018</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12 June 2018</b>	Y7&8 Super 6 Athletics Finals, City Academy Bristol
<b>Wednesday 13 June 2018</b>	Y9&10 Rounders Quarter Finals, Redland Green School Y7&8 Cricket vs Oasis, away
<b>Thursday 14 June 2018</b>	Y9 Super 6 Athletics Finals, City Academy Bristol Y8&10 Boys Cricket vs Cathedral, away
<b>Friday 15 June 2018</b>	

**Rounders Success!**

The Year 7 Rounders team are through to the semi finals after beating Fairfield 15-11.

In the first innings BFS scored 7 Rounders and got 4 of Fairfield’s players out with some fantastic fielding and team work. The second innings was a lot closer with only half a rounder between BFS and Fairfield. Some late match risks from BFS maintained their lead.

Megan McNerney was nominated player of the match by the opposition due to some impressive fielding.

Well done all!

