



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 25 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

It's official: Year 11 and 13 exams are now done. Answers answered, black Bic bios empty of ink and papers packaged up precisely and posted to the relevant exam boards. I'm sure that Year 11 and 13 students are feeling relieved and thankful that they can now take a moment to relax (not for too long of course - it'll be A-levels or further studies in no time!) and enjoy the upcoming end of year ball / prom. On the subject of Summer Balls and Proms, I never know which to use, although as the latter reminds me of the Friends episode where Rachel realises Ross has always been in love with her, the former seems correct to me!

BFS continues to be busy; with the music tour and Annie rehearsals (performances are fast approaching – matinee and evening shows... so book your tickets now!). On Thursday we saw the finals of the Year 8 Science Discovery Prize. In essence, students have been engaging in some serious scientific enquiry over the last week or two. Research projects, Einsteinesque thought experiments and meta-analysis have been completed on a range of subjects such as:

- “Why time flies when you’re having fun”
- “What causes the Northern Lights?”
- “Can teachers still teach the same with different types of coffee? (or none)”
- “Why do we feel emotion for fictional characters?”
- “Why is slime so satisfying?”

A write up follows, and it will be the turn of Year 7 on 12 July. Next week we've Enterprise Day to look forward to. Budding entrepreneurs will be preparing for our own Dragon's Den in what is now a traditional annual event. We look forward to a write up next week!

Finally, I mentioned Fortnite a few newsletters ago and recently came across an interesting newspaper article about its addictive properties. An interesting read: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/06/12/addictive-video-games-may-change-childrens-brains-way-drugs/>

Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher

Important Announcement

We have been listening to feedback from parents about our online payments system and as a result we have decided to change our online payments provider to ParentPay from Tucasi. We are confident that ParentPay is more intuitive for parents to use, will make it easier to communicate with parents, and will reduce some of the administrative burden on the school's support team.

We are planning to go live with ParentPay on 12 July. Please be assured that all balances for catering and trips will be transferred over to ParentPay. Catering balances will show immediately and cashless catering will be unaffected. Trip balances may take up to 1 week to show, but will be updated by 20 July.

The only thing we will be asking you to do before the go live date is to register with ParentPay, and then after the go live date you will then make all payments via ParentPay not Tucasi. To allow you to register we will be contacting parents/carers via email (or by a letter if we do not have an email address for you) with a unique code.

Please note that ParentPay emails/letters will be issued to the **Priority 1 Contact** we have for each student. If you require two ParentPay accounts for the same student, please contact the school by emailing admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk and we can then issue a second registration letter for that student.

Please contact the school by 25 June as the registration emails or letters will be issued on 26 June.



English Texts for GCSE

If your child is in Year 9, please be aware that they will be studying *Macbeth* in terms 1 and 2 of Year 10. While we have copies in school which we can lend out, students find it valuable to have their own copies. They can then highlight key quotations, or make notes directly onto relevant pages. Second hand copies are available for very little. While there is no edition we require students to have, the Oxford Schools edition does have very useful notes, as does the CGP version.

Similarly students entering Year 11 will need either a copy of *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* or *A Christmas Carol*. Their teacher will advise on which is most likely. Set 3 students are likely to study *A Christmas Carol*. However, every student would benefit from reading both texts over the summer.

RE: Bikeability Level 3

In January we received some requests regarding the Bikeability Level 3 course. The course is aimed at those looking to improve their confidence and skills at cycling on roads.

Whilst we had hoped to host the event there were calendar conflicts which have prevented us being able to do so. However, this opportunity is still available and will now take place at Clifton High School on 14/15 and 21/22 August and at St George's Park on 7/8 and 16/17 August.

The cost is £35 for the two day intensive course and can be paid online using the following address: <https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/childrens-holiday-course>

Please note as the school is not directly involved we cannot take payment on Life Cycle's behalf.

Mr Cosgrove

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 25 June 2018	Enterprise Day PSHE Day
Tuesday 26 June 2018	Sports Leaders at Westbury on Trym Academy Sports Day Y9&10 Cricket Semi Final, away at Ashton Park School
Wednesday 27 June 2018	Y11 Leavers Assembly Y11 Summer Ball
Thursday 28 June 2018	Music Tour to Paris departs AEN Transition Day Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 29 June 2018	Year 13 Leavers Assembly Sixth Form Summer Ball

Science Discovery Prize

This week saw the grand final of our annual BFS Discovery Prize for Year 8. All students have spent the last two weeks investigating a science topic or question of their choice and then presenting to their peers, then finally to staff and parents.

As ever, a diverse range of subjects were investigated, including 'How are the Aurora Borealis formed?', 'How can you travel through dimensions?', 'Could mythical creatures actually exist?', and the very topical 'Why is slime so satisfying?'

All students presented in a very enthusiastic and professional way, with many parents commenting that we have a great bunch of future scientists in our midst. They are not wrong.



A massive well done to all of our finalists, the winners will be announced at the end of term.

Curriculum Enrichment Week (CEW)

CEW is taking place from 16 to 18 July. Specific activities have been planned for each year group and a letter detailing these activities has now been sent to your ScoPay account. Please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk if you have not received the letter (check your junk mail first). You will also receive a request to complete a generic consent form for off-site activities if we have do not already have one for your child. It is essential that this is completed and returned as soon as possible to enable your child to take place in these off-site activities.

BFS present

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Tues 3rd July 3:30pm and 7pm
Mon 9th July 3.30pm and 7pm

Tickets £3/£1 conc.
On sale at lunchtimes from Student Services

Year 11 Leavers Assembly – 27 June

Students need to arrive at School by 10:55am and head to straight to the drama hall for the leavers assembly. Students will need to wear school uniform.

The assembly will be followed by a light brunch in the Dining Hall and students will be expected to leave the school site by midday. There will be an opportunity for shirt signing if students wish to do this.

Students who are going to the summer ball will collect their ticket after the assembly and parents have been sent an email with important information about the evening.



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13TH JULY 2018
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