



Weekly Update

Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 9 July 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

Another sweltering week here at BFS, bookended by the first of our Annie performances (I'm looking forward to attending next week) and Sports Day. We also welcomed parents of Year 5 students to our open day on Wednesday. It is tradition that our students guide prospective pupils and their folks around the school and as ever, high praise was heaped upon them. Those helping out this time were a huge credit to the school so a massive thank you to them.

You may have seen that smartphones have been in the news recently with some papers quoting psychologists who are concerned about their addictive and brain-altering nature. You may also have seen the BBC Panorama programme "[Smartphones: The Dark Side](#)". What interesting viewing it was, and certainly food for thought. If you didn't manage to catch it, it's worth a watch.

Finally, as I write this I can hear the Jazz Band rehearsing. For those of you who haven't heard them, they really are very, very good. So much so I fear that one day we'll have to pay a considerable sum to listen to them!

My advice would be to get yourself to the FoBFS summer BBQ on 13 July (tickets on sale for a modest £1 for adults and 50p for children) where they will be performing some new tracks (and some old favourites).



Ben Sillince
Acting Headteacher

Rave Reviews!

The first two Annie performances on Tuesday were met with rapturous applause and high praise from all who have seen it so far. Even Mr Fernandes, not usually a lover of musicals, found himself tapping his feet and thoroughly enjoying the fantastic performance put on by our students.



The final two performances are on Monday 9 July (3:30pm and 7pm) and tickets can be purchased from Student Services.

The photographs of the cast can be viewed and purchased here:
<http://www.brucefosterphotography.co.uk/f950603808>

Award winning

Bristol Free School has been awarded [Computing at School](#) Lead School status for the second year running!

Well done to the Computer Science department for their hard work in raising the profile of the subject in and out of the class room.



Support Staff Vacancies

The School currently has vacancies for various support staff including within the Site Team.

For further information please check this link <https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/vacancies.php>

End of Term Logistics

The end of this school year is rapidly approaching. Curriculum Enrichment Week is taking place from 16-20 July (please ensure relevant payments are made if still outstanding) and 21-24 July will be normal days at school; attendance is mandatory.

On 24 July, the day will be collapsed, with Period 1 and 2 taking place as normal, followed by celebration assemblies and a brunch.

Students will be dismissed from 12:30pm on Tuesday 24 July.

Y8 students get through to World Finals of DXC Global Challenge!

Congratulations to Heath Mitchell and James McCarthy (below) in Year 8 who have successfully got through to the WORLD FINALS of a coding challenge using Scratch open to 11-14 year olds.

Their brief was very open *"Using Scratch, write a video game where the player is playing a team sport with a moving object (a ball, puck, frisbee, etc.)"*

Heath and James designed a unique and exciting ice hockey game which impressed the judges and they will find out at the end of July how they fare which competitors globally.

We are incredibly proud of them.

Mrs Sherman



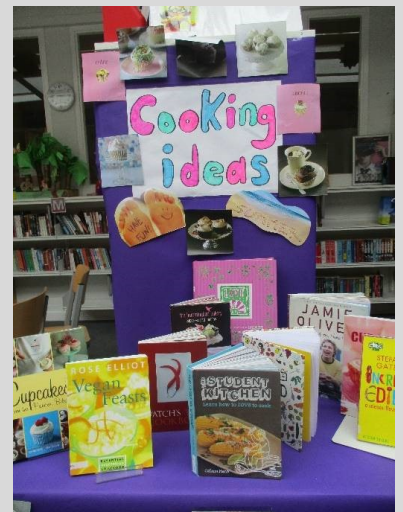
Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk for other important dates	
Monday 9 July 2018	Pathways Community Project Farm Visit Annie Performances 3:30pm and 7pm
Tuesday 10 July 2018	Year 7 Induction Day—new students Year 7 Induction Evening—new students and their parents Treble Bass at St Monica’s Trust
Wednesday 11 July 2018	Year 12 Art Exam VEX IQ Challenge at Bristol University
Thursday 12 July 2018	Year 12 Art Exam Year 7 Science Discovery Prize
Friday 13 July 2018	FoBFS Summer BBQ

LRC News

And relax.....with all of the major academic events behind us perhaps we can allow our thoughts to slowly turn to the delights of summer fun and all the exciting plans we have been making throughout the last couple of terms or so. Maybe you are jetting off to a far flung corner of the world - Safari in Africa, amusement parks in California or trekking up Machu Picchu? Perhaps something closer to home – surfing in Cornwall or boating in the Lake District? Whatever direction your holiday takes you in, your LRC can continue to bolster your endeavours. Maybe you would like to read up on the country you are visiting, it’s history, culture and customs?

For those of you who anticipate spending more time at home, learning a new skill will fill those long summer days. Baking, drawing, song writing, learning an instrument are all activities your LRC can assist you with. We have a plethora of books that can walk you through the steps to becoming proficient at your chosen hobby. So whether you are an aspiring MasterChef, a budding artist or the next Ed Sheeran we have the book to kick-start your road to success!

(cookery books kindly donated by parents)



Bereavement

Statistics suggest that approximately 1 child per class will suffer the loss of a loved one. If your family has suffered a loss, the following links may be of use.

[Talking about death with younger children \(CBeebies\)](#)

[How to support a bereaved child \(Video, Child Bereavement UK\)](#)

[What helps grieving children and young people \(pdf\)](#)

[Top 10 children's books on death and bereavement \(Guardian\)](#)

[Books for teenagers about death and grief \(Marie Curie\)](#)

[Responding to a death that is suspected to be a suicide \(Samaritans\)](#)

Child Bereavement UK: <https://childbereavementuk.org>

Child Bereavement Network: <http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/>

Marie Curie: <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/>

Winston’s Wish: <https://www.winstonswish.org/>



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