



# Weekly Update

## Extra-curricular activities during week commencing 23 July 2018

### Monday

Tennis  
Homework Club

### Tuesday

LAST DAY OF TERM

Students dismissed from 12:30pm

## Exam Results Days

**A Level** – Thursday 16 August 2018

**GCSE** – Thursday 23 August 2018

Students will be able to collect their results between 9am and 11am from the Sixth Form common room. There is more information on the Exams pages of our website.

We look forward to seeing you!

## FoBFS Summer BBQ

Despite the initial downpour on setting up, the sun then shone, the DJ blasted out his music and dry ice, the BBQ kept on cooking and tasted delicious, the BFS students displayed their many talents and the games and fun continued.

We raised a fantastic £2670:26!

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported this event and to all who helped.

A great team effort. Have a good summer.

FoBFS



## Words from the Headteacher

As I pen my last, I have to confess that I've always been a reluctant newsletter writer. Not because I don't take huge pride in sharing the achievements of our students, or great glee in involving you in my love of science, but more because as a man with two logical left brains and some grammatical misconceptions, "I finds it difficult". Hindsight means that I now see just how enjoyable it has been writing a message to you all each week - enjoyable precisely because it was difficult, yet thanks to a mixture of perseverance, stubbornness, multiple drafts and a little luck, I managed it.

As we finish what has been an exciting year, often referred to as 'busy' in these newsletters, I would like to congratulate every member of our school community who persevered in the face of a challenge they were anxious about meeting. When you stop to think about what this actually means, you realise just how much has been accomplished this year. Students have faced all manner of tests, some hidden from view and others, such as GCSE and A-Level exams or the championship game, more obvious (quite a few championship games to be accurate, not that I'm bragging). They have, almost without exception, responded to their challenge with resilience, determination and often a smile on their face. This is something that they can be incredibly proud of. Wednesday's 'play in a day' (right) illustrates this point for me. As part of Curriculum Enrichment Week, a group of Year 7 students had a day to perfect a 'mash up' of 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Wicked'. They did a cracking job. Students who in the beginning were timid, shy and even terrified of standing on stage, blossomed to give the audience (made up of staff and their peers) an engrossing and entertaining 30 minute show full of charm, humour, polished performance, harmonious song and ear to ear grins.



So, a thank you to our students for making the newsletter much easier to write! You provide ample inspiration! Thanks to the staff for their hard work and dedication. A number are leaving us this year and I would like to wish them good luck for the future. A nod to you parents as well for your considerable support, it is hugely valued. The recent summer BBQ is the embodiment of this; the only day of torrential rain amid our endless summer heatwave didn't dampen spirits or stop you from setting up, turning out and enjoying a wonderful event. That same evening saw a number of our Year 11 and 13 students return for their art exhibition. The standard of work was astonishing. I even asked if I could have a few pieces to hang at home (sadly to no avail). On the subject of Year 11, whilst I was enviously pondering how much they'd all be enjoying their extended summer holiday with regular 1pm wake-ups, I received an email from one of them requesting some publicity for a sponsored bike ride that they're doing to raise funds for a project designed to support those struggling with their mental health. Imagine that: teenagers who don't have to go in to school today willingly engaging in a project that will add value to our (and now their) society. This is the inspiration that I mention above, and who am I to refuse!

You can even play spot the BFS hoodies in the photo! <https://goo.gl/Fnw3JV>

We've reached the final curtain. Time for a break. Time for a breather. Time for some holiday homework. Then return ready to take on the next challenge. We will of course make mistakes (I've certainly made a few whilst being the custodian of the good ship BFS) and we will learn from them. Do as I say and do as I do. Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

**Ben Sillince  
Acting Headteacher**



**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**

We are proud to share the news that one of our Year 8 students, Jake Ribeiro, has been selected to perform in a production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang being staged at the Bristol Hippodrome in September.

Jake and the rest of the children's ensemble, selected from schools across the South West, have been rehearsing since the beginning of June.

We can't wait to see you on stage, Jake, and we'll definitely be wanting a ride in that car!

To book tickets, go to [www.atgtickets.com/bristol](http://www.atgtickets.com/bristol)

Key dates for next week	
Please see the calendar at <a href="http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk">www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk</a> for other important dates	
<b>Monday 23 July 2018</b>	Sixth Form Trip to Paignton Rewards Afternoon—Common Rom
<b>Tuesday 24 July 2018</b>	Last Day of Term—Students dismissed from 12:30pm

**Microsoft 365 from home**

We are pleased to announce that, as well as having access to the full Google Suite of applications, Bristol Free School students are now eligible to access Microsoft Office 365 Education, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and now Microsoft Teams, plus additional classroom tools. Just click on the link below, enter your school email address and away you go!

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/education/products/office/default.aspx>

**Show My Homework**

Students now no longer need sign in to SMHW via the VLE. This should eliminate any issues students had with using mobile devices and the app to access their homework. All students need to do one click Sign In with Google and enter their school email address.

Any problems on either Microsoft 365 or SMHW, please ask your child to see Mrs Sherman or contact her via [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)

**Sporting Triumphs**

Amid all the excitement of the Annie performances, our sports stars were out claiming victories all over the place.

The "Year 9 and 10" boys cricket team went to St Mary Redcliffe cricket club to play against St Mary Redcliffe school. Our team actually consisted of 4 Year 7s, 4 Year 8s and 3 Year 9s. However, despite the age gap, we won by 11 runs!

We batted first scoring 96 from our 12 overs. Louis Gwilliam scoring 20 and retired, and Tom Hale opened, scoring 13 before getting bowled. Henry Taubman batted third, scoring a quick 23 before he retired.

During our fielding display, Fabian Welland was fantastic; stopping everything that came near him. Dylan Chivers, Callum Phillips and Joe Warren kept the leg-side secure as a tight Year 9 team and let through very little. Richie Hancock was throwing thunderbolts in from the boundary to restrict the runs in only his third game of cricket. Henry claimed a hat-trick, and both Tom Hale and James Glanville got wickets with their first ball. Rory Smith bowled the last over with SMRT needing 11. His over went for 2.



BFS defended their trophy and remain Bristol champions!



The girls have been doing equally as well; after qualifying in their leagues to take part in this year's Summer Games, the girls Year 7 rounders team and Year 8 Super 6 athletics team did Bristol Free School proud.

The rounders team were marginally defeated in their Bronze medal match to finish fourth place, having won two out of three games at group stages. There was some fantastic batting from Megan McNerney and Amber Garton, and fantastic fielding from Lucy Lancel and Lauren Witherden.

Our Super 6 athletics team rounded the day off with an amazing third place finish, each receiving a Bronze medal. Special mentions to Lucy Wilson, Jasmine Firth and Gwen Lightburn who contributed first, second and third place points to their final score.

**Quiet shopping opportunity**

Starting from this Saturday and for at least until the beginning of August, Morrisons are having a 'quiet' hour for shoppers with Autism. There will be no cages on the shop floor between 9am and 10am every Saturday; no stock to be worked, no tannoy announcements, no music to be played, lights will be dimmed, and all scanners will be switched to silent on checkouts and self scan. A good time to go!

**Quieter Hour**  
Every Saturday  
9am - 10am

We are making all stores a calmer and quieter environment every Saturday between 9am - 10am

**Morrisons**

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## When life gives you lemons

The event lead by OTR aims to help young people navigate the stressors pressures and expectations of education and celebrate achievements of wider life. We will increase young people's self esteem through a number of general lifestyle and wellbeing tips. We also want to encourage and facilitate enjoyment regardless of results day and its outcomes.

Off The Record is a mental health movement mobilised to support, promote and defend the mental health, rights and social position of young people.

Princes Trust | Bristol Drugs Project | The Station | LPW | Basement Studios  
Avon Wildlife Trust | Dynamic Genetic Lab | Care Forum | Online Therapy | BDP | CYN  
Kooth Bristol | BIMM | Princes Trust | City of Bristol College | DBS | Freedom of Mind