



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome all the new families to Bristol Free School. The Year 7's have made a wonderful start and are enjoying their lessons. They are a credit to their families and a delight to have in school.

Year 12 have made a fantastic start too and it is pleasing to welcome so many of last year's Year 11 as well as some new students, into the Sixth Form.

We have a number of new staff this term and they have all commented about how welcome they have been made to feel; and how much they are enjoying teaching our students.

All years groups have come back, focused and engaged and keen to make the most of the many opportunities available to them. I have enjoyed visiting lessons this week, talking to students and learning more about the day to day life of the school.

This newsletter outlines the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that are running this term. I urge every student to get involved and try something new. I extend my thanks to the staff who will be running these activities.

The start of the term is an exciting time and we are all looking forward to this year and the challenges and rewards it will bring.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

OPEN EVENING WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 6pm to 8:15pm

Open Evening is a very important evening for the school and a chance for us to celebrate our school. In order that we can be fully prepared for this evening I will be closing the school earlier on Wednesday 26 September.

School will close at 2:10pm and students will be allowed to go home.

Many students will be invited back as student guides to support this evening. Your child will have a letter explaining this.

Thank you
Mrs S King



Date	Term 1 Dates for your Diary
17/09/2018	Y11 Geography Fieldwork (Harbourside)
18/09/2018	Open Day
19/09/2018	Y10&11 Girls Netball vs St Bede's, away at St Bede's
20/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC
	Boys Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB.
	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening (4:00pm onwards) in LRC No Homework Club
	Year 8 Year Leader Introduction - Meet Ms Giblin (Drama Hall)
21/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC
	BFS UCAS deadline for Oxbridge applications, and medicine, dentistry, veterinary courses
24/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC
25/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC
26/09/2018	Open Day
	Open Evening, 6pm - 8:15pm Students dismissed at 2:10pm
27/09/2018	STEM Employability Workshop (Year 12), 1pm - 3pm
28/09/2018	Y7 Activity Evening (Year 7 TG1-3) FoBFS BBQ
03/10/2018	Y10 Girls Netball Festival, at Colston's
04/10/2018	Year 12 Student Meetings (Causes for Concern)
	Year 10 Curriculum Information Evening, 6pm
	Y7,8&9 Girls Netball vs St Bede's, home
05/10/2018	Y7 Activity Evening (Year 7 TG4-7) FoBFS BBQ
10/10/2018	Y9 Girls Netball Festival, at Colston's
11/10/2018	Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening (Drama Hall), 6pm
15/10/2018	SCS Governors Committee Meeting
17/10/2018	Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening (Common Room)
18/10/2018	Open Day
	Y7&8 Girls Netball vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, home
	Meet the new Headteacher, including e-safety seminar (Drama Hall)
22/10/2018	Nettlecombe
23/10/2018	Nettlecombe
24/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	Bristol School's Cross Country 2018-19, at Ashton Park School
25/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	Y9&10 Girls Netball vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, away at OAB
26/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline

Wanted: Exam Invigilators

We will be recruiting more exam invigilators for the new academic year.

Vacancy details are on the website at:

bristolfreeschool.org.uk/vacancies

ParentPay

Please make sure you have registered for ParentPay—instructions were emailed home before the summer holidays.

If you are having any difficulties please contact reception on the main school number, who will be happy to help.

Please note that boys' fixtures will follow soon. We will put a fortnightly calendar in each newsletter.



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Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Full details on the phenomenal clubs offering for Term 1 and 2 are available on the website; please take a look for the tutor and lunchtime offerings. All clubs below run from 3:15—4:30pm. Please visit this link <https://goo.gl/YR3qcb>

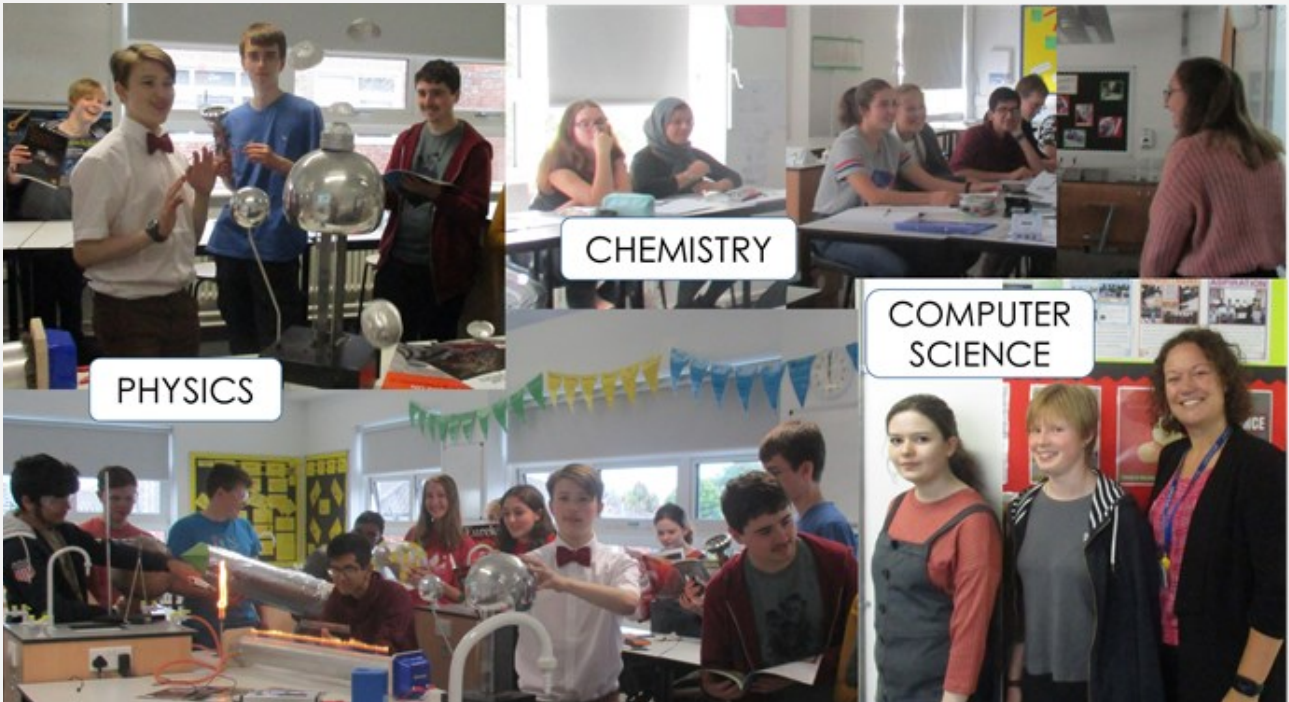
Day	Activity	Staff	Room
Monday	Book Club	6 th Formers	DG10
	Homework Club	Various	LRC
Tuesday	Classics Club	Ms Barnes	DF05
	Yr 7 Rugby	Mr Tolman	Greenway
	Yr 7 Netball	Ms W-J, Ms Hammond and Ms Owen	MUGA
	Year 10 and 11 Boys Basketball	Mr Cosgrove	Sports Hall
	School Show Rehearsals	Ms Clifton, Mr Pate and Ms Giblin	Drama Hall
	Science Club	Science Team	CF17
	Homework Club	Various	LRC
Wednesday	Yr 10 and 11 Rugby	Mr Walker	Greenway
	Yrs 8 and 9 Basketball	Mr Cosgrove	Sports Hall
	Years 10 and 11 Netball	Ms Ballard	MUGA
	Year 7 Art Club	Ms Stokes	DF34
	Year 8 Art Club	Ms McCague	DF02
	Year 9 Art Club	Ms Dawson	DF35
	Perfect Cadence (Orchestra)	Ms Wynne-Jones	DG32
	Hollow Trees (Folk Band)	Mr Pate	DG31
	Music Tech STARTS TERM 2	6 th Formers	Music Rooms
	Programming and Robotics	Mr Keen	CG02
	Yr 12 Young Enterprise	TBC	TBC
	Alterations Club	Ms Burman	CG20
	Homework Club	Various	LRC
Thursday	Yr 8 & 9 Netball	Ms Wynne-Jones and Ms Hammond	Field
	Yr 8 and 9 Rugby	Mr Tolman and Mr Truan	Greenway
	Treble Bass (Jazz Band)	Mr Pate	DG31
	Whirlwind (Wind Band)	Ms Giblin	DG32
	Yoga*	Ms Psalmon	Drama Hall
	MFL Film Club	Ms Pearson and Ms Southall	DF19
	Playwriting Club	Ms Clifton	Drama Hall
	Homework Club	Various	LRC
Friday	Cross-Country	Ms Wynne-Jones	Sports Hall



STEMinism at BFS

The new school year has brought great news for our Sixth Form STEM subjects. Bucking the national trend of low numbers of girls studying STEM, particularly in Physics, we are immensely proud that our new year 12 cohort has record breaking numbers! Girls make up 25% of the A level Computer Science class, 80% of the Chemistry class and an unprecedented 40% in Physics, all well above the national average.

By continuing with our enrichment programme and increasing the promotion of women in STEM careers even further, we are hopeful that these incredible students will be inspired to follow STEM subjects at University and beyond. With Dame Jocelyn Bell-Burnell recently being awarded the Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, as well as the Institute of Physics recent appointment of Dame Julia Higgins as its President, this issue is continuing to gain momentum. BFS is looking forward to nurturing the next Katherine Johnson or Maggie Aderin-Pocock.



LRC News

The LRC staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Year 7 students and their families; several of whom have already been in to have a look around and check out some books! We will be holding induction lessons for this year group to help familiarise them with the LRC, how we operate and what we can offer. We know that many of them will have come from primary schools with busy, vibrant libraries and we hope to continue to support and encourage their excellent reading habits.

Sports News

Huge congratulations are in order for our athletes!

Lucy Groves (Year 9) has been selected to play for the U14 County Football team following her trials, and Megan McNerney (Year 8) has been selected to play for the County Netball team this year.

Finally, Daniella Lloyd had a busy summer, competing with the Junior GB Team in Budapest in July, finishing 12th in the Free and Technical finals and 9th in the Combination—the best junior world champion result for GB. They weren't finished there; in August, Daniella competed again, this time with the Senior GB team in the 0 European Championships in Glasgow. She made the final in all three competitions and again making the final in all three events mirroring their results at the Junior World Championships This was the best Senior GB international result since the 2012 Olympics.

With that in mind, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book fair between 20 and 27 September (a leaflet will be coming home with your child). This is a fantastic opportunity to bolster your family's reading collection and to help to raise funds for the LRC.

Please note this is a Student only event, so please encourage your child to attend at break or lunchtime.





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Open Days: 18 & 26 September, 18 October

Open Evening: 26 September 6 – 8:15pm
Registration is available via the website.

Sixth Form Open Evening: 14 November

