



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

We are exceptionally proud of the way all our students have settled in to the term. Visiting lessons, I have been pleased with the engagement and focus of learners. Year 11s have particularly impressed me by the way they have started this very important GCSE year.

On Tuesday we held the first of our open days, which was very well attended by Year 6 children and parents. Our student guides from Y7 – Y9 were wonderful and a credit to BFS in terms of uniform, public speaking and enthusiasm! I received many positive comments from our visitors, which made me very proud. I would like to thank all staff and students for being so welcoming and exemplifying the high standards and positive ethos that flows through our everyday life at BFS.

Yesterday evening our new Year 7s showed their families around their classrooms as part of the 'meet the tutor' evening. It was lovely to meet parents and carers and see how proud the Year 7's are to be part of BFS. The partnership between parents and the school is very important for the success of your child; and we thank you for your continued support.

Now that the autumn term is in full swing, it is a good time to reinforce the importance of good school attendance and punctuality. Time and time again, we see the evidence that those students who attend at least 95% of school sessions go on to make excellent progress. If students miss too many days, it makes catching up harder and momentum is lost.

Finally I ask you to check your child's planner regularly to check that he or she is doing what is required each day and evening. Please sign to show you have seen it. One thing I do know, from many years in schools, is that time flies by and we need to make every minute count!

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*



Head Boy and Head Girl Appointed

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of our Senior Prefects for the year.

From left to right, Summer (Deputy Head Girl), Catrin (Head Girl), Dan (Head Boy) and Christophe (Deputy Head Boy) are thrilled to be taking up their new roles.

"I am privileged to be appointed the position of Head Girl. I look forward to working closely with leadership and the rest of the school in order to make it the best possible environment" - Catrin

"I am very honoured to be the Head Boy as it enables me to give something back to the school after all the time and effort it has put into me." - Dan

"I am honoured to be assigned the role of Deputy Head Girl. I am excited to work with the rest of the team and bring forward new ideas to help improve the overall experience at Bristol Free School." - Summer

"I am honoured to have been appointed as Deputy Head Boy. I hope to be able to help the school as soon as possible." - Christophe

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

A reminder that school will close at 2:10pm on Wednesday 26 September ahead of the Open Evening.

There will be no clubs (including homework club) running on Wednesday.



Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please visit this link <https://goo.gl/YR3qcb> for details of the clubs running until Christmas.

For the week commencing 24 September, there will be no clubs running on Wednesday 26 September.

Homework Timetables

Over the course of the next week, KS3 students will receive their homework timetables and spend some time during tutor ensuring these are recorded in their planners. KS4 students will have started this activity today.

Copies will be emailed home to parents to ensure they are aware of the expectations on work being set, and the time spent on completing the tasks.

D&T GCSE Coursework Support

Support is available for D&T GCSE students with their coursework on Tuesdays in CG15 until 4:30pm with Ms Street.

FoBFS—Club 100

Unfortunately there have been delays in processing the applications. The dates for the draws are now as follows:

- September draw—12 November
- October draw—19 November
- November and December draw—3 December.

This means your winnings will arrive in time for your Christmas shopping!

Replacement forms are available in the school office.

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Attendance Matters

There is a lot of research to show how important high attendance at school is for students.

We have designed a guide on the process to follow if your child is ill, including whether or not they can be in School due to specific illness.

Please visit the following link on our website

[www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/documents/Information for Parents/ Attendance at BFS Sept 2018.pdf](http://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/documents/Information%20for%20Parents/Attendance%20at%20BFS%20Sept%202018.pdf)

Rugby Triumph

On Thursday, BFS Year 9 rugby team absolutely dominated the first rugby festival of the school calendar at Oasis Brightstowe School. The Year 9s outclassed their opponents, demonstrating some brilliant interlinking play and outstanding individual skill. Even though they were a class above the rest, the team showed great humility and were very respectful—something mentioned by the other teachers at the event, which makes us very proud.

A special mention to Felix, who only started rugby this year, bagging his first try for the school. Final scores:

31-0 against St Bedes 36-0 against Henbury 28-5 against Oasis Brightstowe 32-0 against Cotham

Date	Events in the Next Fortnight
24/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC
25/09/2018	Book Fair - LRC Y7 Boys Rugby vs RGS, at Kellaway Avenue
26/09/2018	Open Day Open Evening, 6pm - 8:15pm - NO CLUBS, STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2:10pm
27/09/2018	STEM Employability Workshop (Year 12), 1pm - 3pm Year 11 Boys Rugby vs RGS, at Kellaway Avenue
28/09/2018	Y7 Activity Evening (Year 7 TG1-3) FoBFS BBQ
01/10/2018	
02/10/2018	Year 8 Boys Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB.
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
	Y10 Boys Rugby vs RGS, at Kellaway Avenue
05/10/2018	Y7,8&9 Girls Netball vs St Bede's, home
	Y7 Activity Evening (Year 7 TG4-7) FoBFS BBQ



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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

