



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

I would like to thank staff, parents and carers who attended the Year 10 and Year 11 Curriculum Evenings yesterday. They were very informative and well-attended events.

We have been making some changes to the school website recently, making it easier to find information and adding the Twitter feed to our homepage. I do hope you enjoy our regular posts.

I would like to pass on best wishes and good luck to our six Year 13s who are applying for Oxbridge and Medicine this week. Mr Bishop and Mr Walker have done a wonderful job supporting and guiding them in their applications.

Our final Open Day is on Tuesday 18 October and I look forward to meeting potential Year 5 & 6 students and their families.

*Mrs S King  
Headteacher*

## This week in the Sixth Form...

### Access to Bristol Success for BFS

20 students have been accepted onto Bristol University 'Access to Bristol' Courses, with students being accepted in advanced courses from Biochemistry and Mathematics to Child Studies and Engineering. This is a true sign of the brilliant students we are lucky to have in the Sixth Form. Well done to Emerald, Dan, Ifath, Anna, Sam, Panna, Fiona, Sophie, Jess, Sophie, Sabihah, Archit, Kaitlin, Luke, George, Hachim, Beth, Adnan, Aseel, and Hannah.

Our Open Evening is on Wednesday 14 November from 6:30pm; we hope you will come and join us.

Tickets are available on the Sixth Form website.

#bepartofsomethingsspecial



### Oxbridge Students press the send button

A huge congratulations to our six Oxbridge and Medicine applicants who have spent countless hours preparing their personal statements over the last few weeks. A big thank you to the staff who have supported these students and ensured that subjects references are of the highest quality. We wish a huge amount of luck to Josh, Dan, Christophe, Izzy, Matt and Ben and wait with bated breath for those interview letters.

*Mr R Walker  
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form*

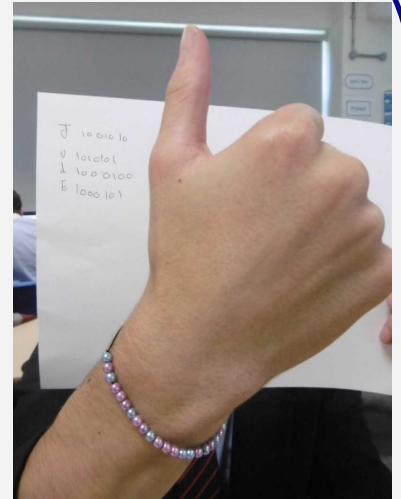


## This week in Computer Science and Design Technology

We have had an exciting start to this academic year in Computer Science and Design Technology! I have been very impressed with the high quality focus, engagement and work produced across the Key Stages and here are just a few of the highlights:

### Computer Science

From making binary bracelets (lots of resilience needed with the tiny beads!) in KS4 to movie production (on our YouTube channel and Twitter feed!) about Weak Processors and the Fetch Decode Execute cycle, Computer Science has started as we mean to go on; full of engagement and enthusiasm and great commitment to learning. This year is an exciting year for us - I am incredibly pleased with the high uptake in Years 10 and 12, the Year 11 and 13s focus is outstanding and for the first time KS3 all have Computer Science lessons every week. Year 8 and 9 are trying their hand at Python with Year 7 demonstrating their already high level of programming skills in their programming units.



### Food

It has been the beginning of the Great British Bristol Free School Bake-off Technical Challenges. (Yes that's a mouthful!) In an attempt to teach independence, self-belief and really allowing the

students to shine with creativity in the kitchen, all of KS3 are completing a technical challenge set by the teachers. In a similar fashion to the television show, students are just provided with a recipe card, no demonstration and are expected to use the skills they have learnt since September. Year 9 have gone first with delicious burgers and bread rolls in just 1 hour and 40 minutes. This saw them rising to the challenge, baking the bread rolls from scratch and hand making the burgers patties, before finishing with their choice of garnish. As I'm sure you will agree, the pictures show off just how talented we are at Bristol Free School! Year 8 are currently conquering delicious gluten-free banana muffins and Year 7 are mastering a yummy savoury tear and share loaf. Year 11 have started their NEA1 with commitment and dedication. They are conducting scientific experiments into how to make perfect shortcrust pastry. We have some very talented chefs—their lemon meringues pies looked and smelt phenomenal!



### Textiles

This week saw the inaugural meeting of Alterations Club, with some pupils practising their embroidery skills, while others learnt the basics in clothing alterations, doing a great job of fixing some of the DT department aprons! Now feeling more confident, they are ready to get stuck in to altering some of their own clothing!

Year 9 have begun making their hoodies and have started to cut their fabric. All students have had the opportunity to alter their pattern pieces to make a made-to-measure jumper specifically fitted to them! We're very excited about seeing the finished articles. Finally, Year 7 and 8 have both completed all their practice samples, with Year 7 learning the basics of hand and machine sewing and Year 8 learning lots of different fabric dyeing techniques. Both year groups will be ready to begin making their exciting items very soon!

### Product Design

Our first A Level Product Design group are already showing outstanding skills and passion for their studies - they certainly enjoyed the challenge of putting together the School's new workbenches, although they didn't rate the instructions much! Ms Street was very excited about the arrival of the workbenches in CG17!

Year 12 have also been designing and making some brilliant angle poise lights, which has involved working with concrete for the base. Year 11 have started their final year with good focus on their non-exam assessment, where they choose their own brief for creating products to encourage healthy living or for disabled people - we are really excited about some of their ideas which have shown real consideration for their client/user. KS3 are developing a range of new skills from soldering and electronics to working with wood. Some very impressive flashing alien designs have been spotted....or is that my imagination?



*Mrs Sherman*  
Head of Computer Science and Design Technology

### Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please visit this link <https://goo.gl/YR3qcb> for details of the clubs running until Christmas. Please note that on 17 October there is no Art Club

The week commencing 15 October is **Red Week**.

### Equipment Reminder

A reminder that all students should have all equipment listed in their student planners for every lesson.

This includes; black and red biros, pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a sharpener, a protractor, a pair of compasses, a scientific calculator and a glue stick.

Please check school bags for all of the above!

### Year 9 Netball Festival

On Wednesday, the Year 9 netball team attended the North Bristol Netball Festival at Clifton College Sports Ground, finishing a very respectable 3rd place out of 7.

The team played amazingly well over their 7 games, winning 5 out of 7 comfortably. They had a strong start against Fairfield, winning 9-2, followed by another success 5-2 against Oasis Brightstowe, and 4-2 against City Academy. Their next two games were their toughest yet, and BFS were narrowly defeated by Colston Girls', finishing 4-0, and Redland Green, 6-3. However the girls were able to lift their spirits and finish triumphantly, beating Cotham 5-0 and St Bede's 5-2.

A fantastic number of goals were scored throughout the tournament by Lucy, Niamh, Charlotte and Gwen. There were numerous nominations for Lucy and Gwen by the other teams for player of the match. Well done girls; you did yourselves and BFS proud!

*Miss Hammond*

### Events in the next fortnight

15/10/2018	SCS Governors' Committee Meeting
	Youth Council PSHE Conference
16/10/2018	Y7 Boys' Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB
	Community Involvement Project off site 1:30pm - 3:15pm FoBFS AGM, 7pm, Sixth Form Common Room
17/10/2018	Y11 Boys' Rugby vs Oasis Brightstowe, away at OAB
	Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening (Common Room)
18/10/2018	Open Day
	Y13 English students to <i>Othello</i> Performance in Cheltenham
	Y7 & 8 Girls Netball vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, home
	Headteacher Surgeries 5-6:30pm. Appointment only Nettlecombe Parent Information Evening, 6pm, Drama Hall
19/10/2018	
20/10/2018	
21/10/2018	
22/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	7TG1&2 Team Building Trip
	DofE Introductory Meeting, 6pm in D Block Drama Hall
23/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	7TG3&4 Team Building Trip
	Community Involvement Project off site 1:30pm - 3:15pm
24/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	7TG5, 6&7 Team Building Trip
	Bristol Schools' Cross Country 2018-19, at Ashton Park School
25/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	Y11 GCSE Drama Devised Performance, 6:30pm in Drama Hall
	Y9 & 10 Girls' Netball vs Oasis Academy Brightstowe, away at OAB
26/10/2018	Nettlecombe
	Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline
	Live Lounge - lunchtime (students only)

### Headteacher Surgeries

Mrs King is delighted to welcome parents in for a short appointment to discuss anything they wish to raise with her.

Parents will have this opportunity at the end of every term, with the first appointments taking place on Thursday 18 October.

Using the link below, parents will need to follow the login instructions, and then select the event within the booking system.

You will then be given the option to book a slot if one is available. The appointments will last for 10 minutes each, with the surgery lasting 90 minutes in total.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on [admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) if you have any questions.

### Booking link

<https://bristolfreeschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>