



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

This week Year 7s spent the day at Abbots Leigh participating in a range of outdoor team-building activities. The day was a chance for students to meet new people and work together on a range of challenges like archery, orienteering and tomahawk throwing! I would like to thank Mr Tolman and Ms Townsend who organised and accompanied all the students for, what was, a very positive and successful way to end a busy first term. Year 7 seemed to relish the challenge of the activities and were a real credit to BFS.

Year 11 have been very busy this week preparing for their GCSE drama performances, attending an English masterclass in unseen poetry and collecting revision material for their half-term revision. We do expect Year 11 to spend part of this holiday revising for their first mock exams which start on 19 November. Parents and carers can find all the revision tasks that have been set on *Show My Homework*.

I have very much enjoyed my first term as Headteacher of BFS. Students and staff have all been very welcoming and I have spent a lot of time in lessons looking at books and learning students' names.

A reminder that term 2 starts on Tuesday 6 November, because the school is closed on Monday 5 November for an INSET day.

Mrs S King
Headteacher

This week in Performing Arts



Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their devised pieces for Component 2: Devising Drama, which alongside their written portfolio, is worth 40% of their overall grade. The process of creating original material can be challenging at times but students demonstrated commitment and resilience throughout, resulting in thought provoking and engaging pieces. Well done Year 11!



Rehearsals for this year's school production of *Little Shop of Horrors* are well underway, with around 80 students from Years 7-13 taking part. If you haven't heard of the show, it's a horror comedy musical about a plant that feeds on human flesh set to a 1960s pop/rock score (sounds bizarre but it works!) We were overwhelmed by

the talent students demonstrated during the auditions and casting roles was no easy task. Students have approached rehearsals with energy and enthusiasm and although there's a long way to go yet, we know they are going to put on an incredible show. Keep up the hard work LSOH cast!

This week the music department have been delivering assemblies to all year groups talking about the beneficial effects music can have on your wellbeing. We discussed how singing is something we can all enjoy and get better at through practice. There is no such thing as "can't sing" - just some people who are more practiced than others! We also talked about the joy of learning an instrument - we offer instrumental lessons at school and any students who would like to take up an instrument should talk to a music teacher for more information - don't put it off, start now! The assemblies finished with fantastic performances from our folk band *Hollow Trees*, our amazing Chamber Choir made up of students from Year 11 upwards, and our ever popular jazz band; *Treble Bass*.



If you have any unused instruments at home that you would like to donate to BFS we would gladly give a loving home to any you can spare! In the past we have received guitars, amplifiers, trumpets, flutes and even a drum kit and piano - all get lots of use from grateful students in our department. Please talk to Mr Pate if you would like more information!

Miss Clifton and Mr Pate
Head of Drama and Head of Music



Year 7 Tutor Activity Days

Wrapped up for the Autumnal outing, Year 7 had a cracking three days of outdoor pursuits in Abbots Leigh.

Axe and blade throwing were top hitters, closely followed by archery and fire-lighting. Our intrepid cohort excelled themselves in skills they didn't know they had. Geocaching and trebuchet kept our keen Year 7s warm, whilst lunchtime vending machines filled tummies ready for the rest of the day.

Home time came too quickly with coach-singing rivalry crowning TG3 the absolute 'Baby Shark' winners!

*Ms Townsend
Pastoral Manager, Year 7*



Clubs for Term 1 and 2

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

- Homework Club runs from 3.15 to 4.30pm. Students are not able leave before 4pm.
- If students leave site (for example, to go to the shop) then they will not be able to come back in for Homework Club.

The week commencing 5 November is **Red Week**.

Music Tech Club!

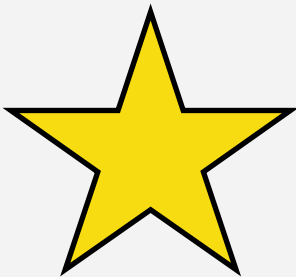
Music Tech Club is starting in the new term. Students will have the opportunity to use the recording studio and Logic ProX on the Mac suites in the Music department to create their own music, alongside our resident A Level Music Technology experts Tom, Angus, Ezekiel, James and Stan.

Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm, DG32, with Mrs Giblin and the A Level Music Tech Team.



Term 1 Attendance Champions

A big well done to the following tutor groups who have the highest attendance in their year for Term 1:



- 7TG4 – 99.38%
- 8TG5 – 98.18%
- 9TG6 – 97.92%
- 10TG4 – 98.94%
- 11TG4 – 97.34%
- 12TG1 – 98.70%
- 13TG3 – 95.77%

It is fantastic to see all year groups starting the year in a strong position.
Keep it up!

Year 10 and 11 Data Collection Forms

Students in Year 10 and 11 will have received a data collection form along with their reports on Thursday.

To ensure that the information we hold for you and your child is complete and up to date, please could you check this carefully, make any changes if necessary, and return the form to Main Reception or Student Services by Friday 9 November.



| Events in the next fortnight | |
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| 27/10/2018— 04/11/2018 | Half Term |
| 05/11/2018 | Inset Day—School Closed to Students |
| 06/11/2018 | Bristol Schools' Swimming Association Secondary Gala (5-8pm, Easton) |
| 07/11/2018 | Girls' Netball, all years, vs Colston's, home |
| 08/11/2018 | GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening, 7pm (Drama Hall) |
| 09/11/2018 | Y10 Music Recital, lunch time (students only) |
| | Remembrance Assemblies |
| 10/11/2018 | |
| 11/11/2018 | |
| 12/11/2018 | |
| 13/11/2018 | Art Trip to London |
| 14/11/2018 | Sixth Form Open Evening, 6:30pm - 8pm |
| | UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, at Backwell School, 1:30pm - 5:30pm |
| | Y7&8 Girls' Athletics at Orchard School |
| 15/11/2018 | FBP & SD Governors Committee Meeting |
| | Cross Country Trials at Bristol Grammar School |
| 16/11/2018 | Monster Confidence (STEM trip) |
| 17/11/2018 | |
| 18/11/2018 | |



23 NOV 2018 FoBFS PARENTS' QUIZ AND FISH & CHIPS NIGHT.

So good, we're doing it again!

Get your friends together for the second FoBFS Quiz and Fish & Chips night. Please apply as a team if at all possible but smaller groups welcome and we'll try and join you up.

Please note your tickets are only booked on receipt of your cheque. You'll be sent an email to confirm.



Tickets £10 pp. Pay by cheque made payable to Friends of Bristol Free School and hand in to school reception. Please apply as a team if you can.

Make sure you include your team name, number of members and an email to contact you.

Teams of 6-8.

Let us know if you're a veggie!

No tickets will be provided but we'll email you to confirm

Bar opens at 7, Quiz starts at 7.30

Any queries please email hayman_alison@hotmail.com

Competitions Galore!

There is an array of activities to keep students occupied over the coming half term. There are competitions advertised following the mocks timetable which we hope will inspire everyone.

Wishing you a restful half term.

Mocks November 2018—put these dates in your diary!

| Day | DATE | AM/ PM | Start time | SUBJECT | QUALIFICATION | UNIT/PAPER | DURATION | |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Week 1 Mocks | | | | | | | | |
| Monday | 19-Nov | All day | | French&Spanish | GCSE | Speaking exams | | |
| Tuesday | 20-Nov | All day | | French&Spanish | GCSE | Speaking exams | | |
| Wednesday | 21-Nov | All day | | French&Spanish | GCSE | Speaking exams | | |
| Thursday | 22-Nov | AM | 9:00am | French | GCSE | Listening | F: 35m / H:45m | |
| | | | | | | Reading | F: 45m / H: 1h | |
| | | | | English | A Level | Paper 1 | 2h 15m | |
| | | | PM | 1:30pm | Music | A Level | Listening | 2h |
| | | French | | | GCSE | Writing | F: 1h 10m / H: 1h 20m | |
| | | Travel and Tourism | | | BTEC | | 1h | |
| | | | Biology A | A Level | Paper 1 | 1h 30m | | |
| | | | Further Maths | A Level | Paper 1 Core pure | 2h | | |
| Friday | 23-Nov | AM | 9:00am | Spanish | GCSE | Listening | F: 35m / H:45m | |
| | | | | | | Reading | F: 45m / H: 1h | |
| | | | PM | 1:30pm | Economics | A Level | | 2h |
| | | | Spanish | GCSE | Writing | F: 1h 10m / H: 1h 20m | | |

Week 2 Mocks

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|---------------|---------|----------------------------|--------|------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------|
| Monday | 26-Nov | AM | 9:00am | English Language | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h 45m |
| | | | | Computer Science | A Level | Paper 1 | 2h 30m |
| | | | | Chemistry | A Level | Paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Computer Science | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | RE | GCSE | | 1h 45 |
| | | | | Physics | A Level | Paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Psychology | A Level | Paper 1: Topics | 2h |
| RE | A Level | | 1h 30m | | | | |
| Tuesday | 27-Nov | AM | 9:00am | Maths | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Maths | A Level | Paper 1: Pure maths | 2h |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | History | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| Wednesday | 28-Nov | AM | 9:00am | Biology | GCSE | | 1h 45m/1h 15m |
| | | | | PE | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h 15m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Health & Fitness | NCFE | | 2h |
| | | | | Biology A | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | English | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h |
| Further Maths | A Level | Paper 2: Further Mechanics | 1h 30m | | | | |
| Thursday | 29-Nov | AM | 9:00am | English Language | GCSE | Paper 2 | 2h |
| | | | | Computer Science | A Level | Paper 2 | 2h 30m |
| | | | | Chemistry | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Drama | GCSE | | 1h |
| | | | | DT | GCSE | | 2h |
| Sociology | A Level | Paper 1 | 2h | | | | |
| Friday | 30-Nov | AM | 9:00am | Maths | GCSE | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | History | A Level | Paper 1 | 2h 15m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Business Studies | GCSE | | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Maths | A Level | Paper 2: Applied Maths | 1h 15m |

Week 3 Mocks

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| Monday | 03-Dec | AM | 9:00am | English Literature | GCSE | | 2h 15m |
| | | | | History | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Geography | A Level | Paper 1 | 2h 30m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | PE | GCSE | Paper 2 | 1h 15m |
| | | | | Music | GCSE | | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Physics A | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| Psychology | A Level | Paper 2: Psychology in context | 2h | | | | |
| Tuesday | 04-Dec | AM | 9:00am | Geography | GCSE | Paper 1 | 1h |
| | | | | Sociology | A Level | Paper 2 | 1h |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Chemistry | GCSE | | 1h 45m/1h 15m |
| Wednesday | 05-Dec | AM | 9:00am | Maths | GCSE | Paper 3 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | Geography | A Level | Paper 2 | 2h 30m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Food Preparation & Hygiene | GCSE | | 1h 45m |
| Further Maths | A Level | | | Paper 3: Further statistics | 1h 30m | | |
| Thursday | 06-Dec | AM | 9:00am | Physics | GCSE | | 1h 45m/1h 15m |
| | | | | History | A Level | Paper 3 | 2h 15m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | History | GCSE | Paper 3 | 1h 20m |
| Friday | 07-Dec | AM | 9:00am | Health & Social Care | BTEC | | 2h |
| | | | | Computer Science | GCSE | Paper 2 | 1h 30m |
| | | | | English | A Level | Paper 3 | 2h 15m |
| | | PM | 1:30pm | Geography | GCSE | Paper 2 | 1h |
| Sociology | A Level | | | Paper 3 | 2h | | |

Week 4 Mocks

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| Monday | 10-Dec | All day | 8.30am | Art Practical | GCSE & A Level | | 5hrs |
| Tuesday | 11-Dec | All day | 8.30am | Art Practical | GCSE & A Level | | 5hrs |
| Wednesday | 12-Dec | All day | 8.30am | Art Practical | A Level | | 5hrs |



BFS
ART
COMPETITION
'SEASONAL'

Autumn brings us so many exciting opportunities to take great photos: dewy mornings, colour changing leaves, halloween pumpkins, bonfires and fireworks to name a few.

Using the theme 'Seasonal' enter your best photos into the BFS Photo Competition.

1st, 2nd & 3rd PLACE PRIZES

COMPETITION CLOSSES 9 NOVEMBER
Open to all BFS Students and Staff

Please hand all entries to Mrs Stokes, or email them straight to r.stokes@bristolfreeschool.org.uk



ART COMPETITION 'SEASONAL'

Autumn brings us so many exciting opportunities to capture the dewy mornings, colour changing leaves, halloween pumpkins, bonfires and fireworks to name a few.

Using the theme 'Seasonal' enter your best artwork into the BFS Art Competition.

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**Please hand all entries to Miss Dawson,
Mrs Stokes or Miss Nicholas**



Rotary  Club of Clifton (Bristol)



The Rotary Young Chef Competition is a well-established and successful competition organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland and sponsored by Filippo Berio.

It is a four-stage national competition to support and encourage development of cookery skills.

Pre Stage 1: We will be entering 2 competitors to the club competition.

To be considered, you must submit:

- Recipe and method for a three course healthy meal for two people that costs under £20 and can be prepared in two hours
- Cook the meal at home and take photographs (Make sure you are in the photo(s))

Print and hand in to any DT teacher or email

DTFac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

By Wednesday 7th November

Stage 1: Club Competition

Tuesday 20th November 4pm

At Bristol Free School

Schools competing with our competitors:

- Redmaid's High School
- Bristol Cathedral Choir School
- St Bede's Catholic College
- Redland Green
- QEH

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Learn how to cook a healthy meal
- Develop food presentation skills
- Consider food hygiene issues
- Develop organisational and planning skills
- Develop an ability to cope in a demanding situation

Success at Stage 1 leads to:

Stage 2: District Heats

Stage 3: Regional Heats

Stage 4: National Finals