



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

Yesterday evening Year 9 parents and students started the option process, to choose their GCSE courses. It was a very informative evening, offering lots of choice this year with added BTEC vocational courses. Thank you to all staff and parents who attended to support Year 9 in this important stage of their education.

I would like to draw attention to the programme for the last week of term. We have our Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19 December; a letter has been sent explaining the details and how to pre-order your child's lunch. The £1.00 donation for wearing a Christmas jumper will be go to Bristol Homeless Shelter, as chosen by our School Council.

On Friday 21 December school will finish at 12:30pm after our final Christmas celebration assembly.

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter and that your preparations for Christmas are going well.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

This week in the Sixth Form

MUN Climate Change Conference

Sixth Form students Bea, Sophie, Jack and Max took part at the Model United Nations Climate Conference at Bristol City Hall, taking part in a challenging model UN-style debate. Following this, the students attended various workshops to inspire local action on climate change.

'Climate Change is such an important issue that will inevitably affect every human and animal on the planet. It's great to be part of the debate about how we can all make a contribution to helping towards this real issue.—Jack



National Age Group Championships— Duet Gold Medal

Last weekend Daniella competed in the National Age Group Championships for ages 15 to 18, swimming for the City of Bristol. The City of Bristol team narrowly missed out on a Gold medal, securing a Silver Medal. Daniella also competed in the Solo and Duet disciplines, achieving a Silver medal in the Solo and a Gold Medal in Duet, becoming National Champion for a second year.

A visit from James!

James Beggs returned from Oxford University and gave a wonderful and inspirational talk followed by a Q and A session about his journey to St Hugh's College at the University of Oxford.

It was great to see him and hear about how much he is enjoying his studies.



Clubs for Term 1 and 2

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

The week commencing 10 December is **Blue Week**.

Please note there will be no Programming Club on 13 December.

Syncro Success

Well done to Abbey who has been selected for the GB Development Squad for Synchronised Swimming!

A fantastic achievement!



The Bristol Schools' Swimming Gala according to James L, Max and Erin

The team came 2nd in the medley relay. "Theo kicked off the backstroke. We were in last place by the end of the first 50m. James H dived in for breast stroke, closed the gap and got us to 3rd. James L dived in for 50m fly and brought the team into 1st place. Max on freestyle finished the race in 2nd, very closely beaten by King Edward School, Bath."

Erin placed 1st in 50m freestyle. "I was focussing on beating a friend of mine from BGS who was in lane 3. I was in lane 4. I was feeling calm before the race started. The block was damaged and I had to adjust my dive because of this. She turned to do the second length before me, so I knew that I had to swim as fast as I could to try to catch her. I passed her just before the final set of flags and went on to win the race. I was very tired after this race. I was feeling very happy at the result".

Max placed 5th in breaststroke 50m. "I was in lane 1. I had a swimmer from Cathedral in my sights as I swam my first length. Out of my dive I was in 3rd place. My turn didn't go to plan which slowed me down and left me in 5th place. I maintained my position of 5th for the second length ensuring the other three swimmers didn't pass me".

James H placed 1st in 50m breaststroke (the same race as Max). He was one of the favourites to win the race and he delivered.

James L placed 2nd in 50m backstroke. "Backstroke isn't my strongest stroke so I was a bit worried that I wouldn't do well. I was getting some tips from a Y10 from Cathedral on how to swim my race the best way – which really helped me to get my result. My backstroke start was strong despite the slight slip of my feet on the wall. I worked on my rotation and it came to the dreaded turn. I was currently coming second (I think – but I couldn't see as I was on my back). The turn did not go well – I did not do my underwater phase after my turn well. Post turn, I was very near the back of the race. I managed to pick myself up, swim as fast as possible and finish in second place".

A huge well done to all the swimmers for their fantastic efforts over the last few weeks—we are very proud of you all! - Mrs Wynne-Jones



Science Club

Science Club came to the end of their stellar project with University of Bristol PhD student, Miriam, this week.

We have been exploring distant galaxies and star systems, as well as learning more about our own, culminating in some very informative fact-packed presentations about our chosen stars. We used simulations from Miriam’s own project, plus current research and cutting-edge science to inform their presentations, some with added science puns and jokes that made quite an impression!

Thank you again to Miriam and the University of Bristol for their time and expertise. We look forward to working together again in the future!



Senior Maths Challenge Results 2018

Our five GOLD certificate students have gone through to the (invitation only) follow-on round, the Senior Kangaroo, which took place on 30 November. We are awaiting the results.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Gold	Ryan Andrews Y13 Matthew Ghosh Y13 Callum Bryan Y13 Fiona Gibbs Y12 Dan Brazil Y12
Silver	Sophie Gordon Y12 Maisie Witherden Y12
Bronze	Chris Hooper Y13 Izzy Phillips Y13 Chris McWhan Y13



Mentor UK

If you ever have concerns regarding drug or alcohol misuse look at the information provided by Mentor UK.

<https://mentoruk.org.uk/information-and-advice/parents-and-carers/>

Events in the next fortnight

10/12/2018	Year 11 and Year 13 Art Mock Year 7 Christmas Concert sing-off period 5&6
11/12/2018	Year 11 and Year 13 Art Mock Christmas extravaganza, 7pm (rehearsals p5&6)
12/12/2018	Year 13 Art Mock Headteacher Surgeries, 5pm - 6:30pm. Appointment Only.
13/12/2018	Y9 Bristol Schools' rugby final, 12pm kick off RET Writing Competition final; The Poetry Club, Covent Garden Local Governing Body Committee Meeting
14/12/2018	Sixth Former for a Day Alternative Post-16 trip to SGS FoBFS Cakes and Carols
15/12/2018	Dynamics and Treble Bass performing at WoT Christmas Fair
16/12/2018	
17/12/2018	Year 7 Christmas Concert, 5pm - 6:30pm
18/12/2018	
19/12/2018	Whole School Christmas Celebrations - Christmas Jumper Day and lunch Sixth Form Christmas Social
20/12/2018	Dynamics Choir at Southmead Hospital, 2:30pm
21/12/2018	Last day of Term 2— Students dismissed at 12:30pm BFS UCAS deadline for all other courses

BFS All Stars Term 1

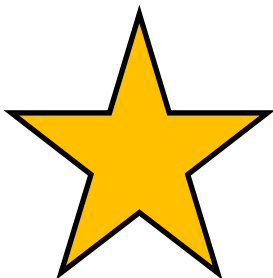
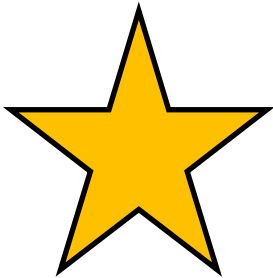


At the end of every term, Mr Truan and the Pastoral Managers collate and celebrate the BFS All Stars.

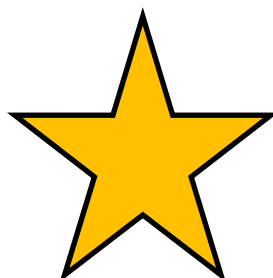
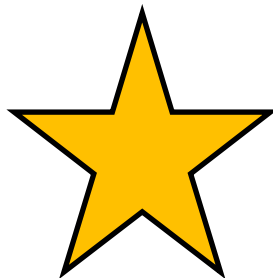
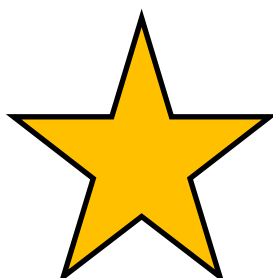
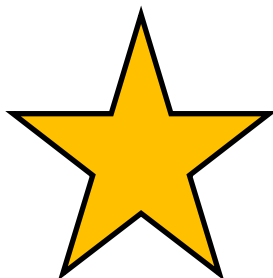
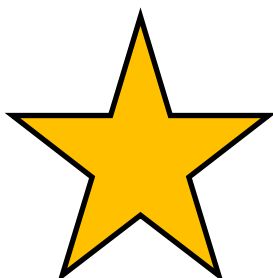
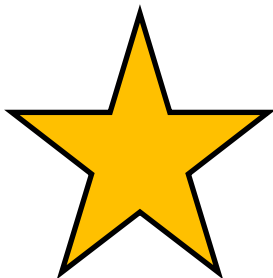
These are students who complete a whole term with 100% attendance, receive no late marks or behaviour points, and receive at least one achievement point.

Below are the Year 10 All Stars for Term 1. Huge congratulations to all of them, and thank you for starting this year at BFS in such an impressive way. We will share the All Stars from the remaining years in the coming weeks.

Year 10 All Stars



Emma	Ashworth	Peter	Paramore
Allegra	Beasley	William	Pearce
Theo	Beavon	Callum	Phillips
Ben	Beggs	Matthew	Pugh
Daniel	Biju	Pip	Ramsden
Som	Bradley	Aleesha	Rashid
Katie	Brown	Grace	Redfern
Constantine	Campbell-Jones	Lena	Richards
Alex	Canwell	Maddie	Rupprecht
Heather	Carling	Lauren	Staddon
Sam	Carling	Emily	Stapleford
Dylan	Chivers	Laurie	Stephenson
Hope	Conibear	Deeksha	Subramanya
Stan	Dempsey	Amy	Thouless
Daisy	Dent	Matthew	Timmis
Alex	Gordon	Izzy	Tucker
Tommy	Hicks-Davey	Madeline	Turpin
Alexander	Indge	Neave	White
Anna	Lloyd	Alex	Williams
Becci	Matthews	Zena	Witherden
Jackson	O'Carroll		



The

Christmas Extravaganza 2018

Tuesday 11
December
2018

Starts at
7pm, Doors
at 6:30pm

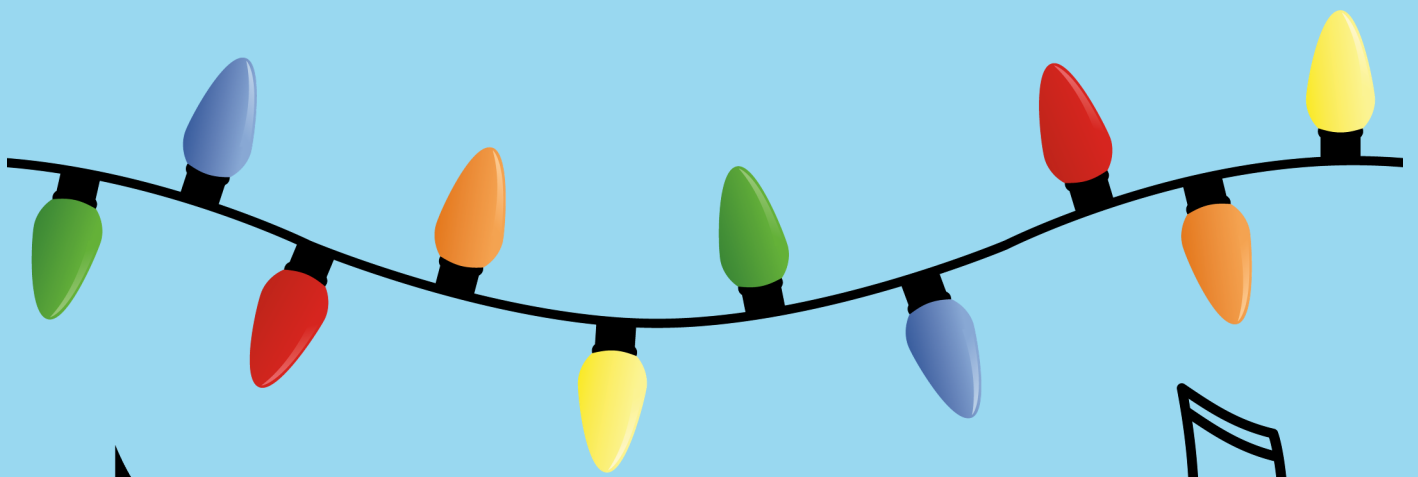
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Pate ASAP!

Featuring all
our amazing
BFS ensemble
groups!



Tickets available at student services

£3 per adult, students free!



FOBFS



Cake Sale & Carols



After school

Friday 14 December

