

Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

On Monday we welcomed Mr Barber the Headteacher at Henleaze Junior School who wanted to tour our site and discuss potential partnership projects. It was wonderful to see how surprised and pleased ex Henleaze pupils were to see Mr Barber, many reminiscing fondly with him of their happy times at primary school. Last week I also met Mrs Wright, the new Headteacher at Elmlea Junior School, who is equally keen to develop links with us in the future. I look forward to meeting the other primary Headteachers in due course. I believe we can learn so much from each other and it can only be a positive thing for the community we serve.

I would like to commend the Year 12 students for their hard work and mature attitude as they have completed their mock exams this week; they have been excellent role models to younger students.

Year 11 and Year 13 only have four weeks before their second mocks. The mock timetable will be emailed home and made available on our website next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful weekend. I am sure you agree that the school newsletter reflects the vibrancy of our school.

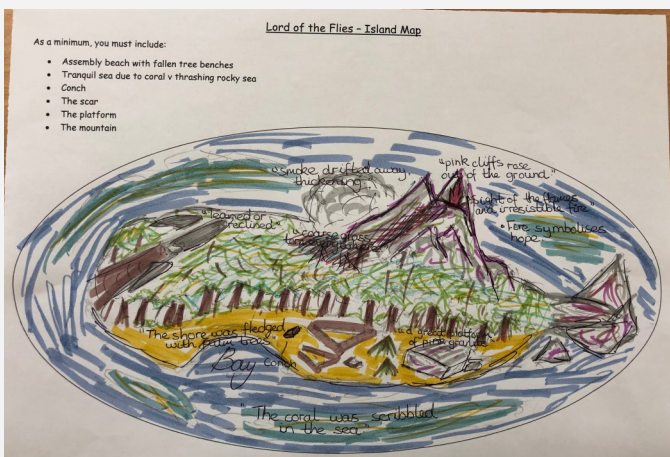
Mrs S King
Headteacher

This week in English

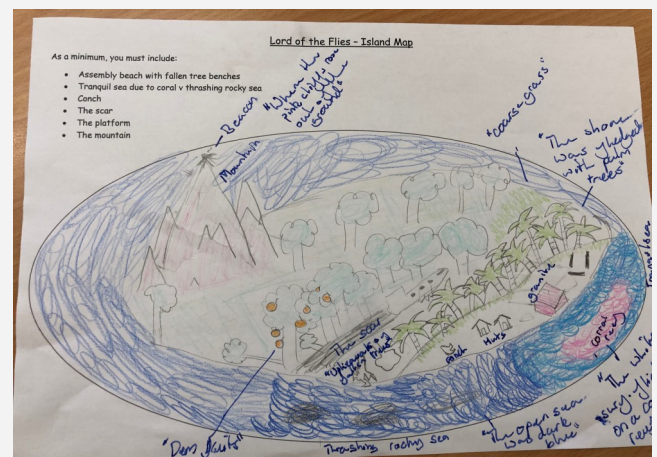
A number of Year 11 pupils have been completing their GCSE Spoken Language exams. The examiners were regaled with fascinating presentations on myriad topics, ranging from the science behind dreams to the effects of social media on self-esteem, Mr Utterson (from *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*), dinosaurs, and even "the truth" behind the death of Princess Diana! The students have clearly taken a lot of time and care over these; we have seen some very polished performances. Especially interesting were the question and answer sections, with students elaborating on their thought-provoking presentations.

A number of Year 7 pupils have been completing practice GCSE speaking and listening exams. The students researched the context of *The Outsiders* in 1960s America, where the focus was on fashion, food, entertainment and historical events. The students have clearly taken a lot of time and care over these and they have also created A3 information posters for display.

Finally, Year 10 students have been using Golding's detailed description in *Lord of the Flies* to draw a map of the island. As well as this helping them to picture the geography of the island, pupils have been linking different areas to their symbolic meaning in the book. These have turned out beautifully, with some real artistic talent and in-depth understanding shown across the classes.



Neave White and Heather Carling



Matthew Pugh and Zoe Devereux

Clubs for Term 3 and 4

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the Easter break.

Please note that there will be no clubs on Thursday 31 January. Sport fixtures will still run.

The week commencing 28 January is **Red Week**.

Congratulations Bryn!

Congratulations to Year 11's Bryn Ruck who has been selected for the 4 rider British Cycling Team South at April's annual Youth Tour of Scotland cycle race. This flagship event sees invited teams from each of the home nations, Ireland and Europe competing over four days on the testing roads of Perth and Kinross.

Admission Arrangements Consultation

Please see our website for details of a consultation regarding a proposed change to our admission arrangements for 2020-21.

The consultation is open from Thursday 20 December 2018 to Thursday 31 January 2019.

The full draft policy can be read at <https://www.bristolfreeschool.org.uk/>.

Paper copies are also available on request.

Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be emailed to admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk and marked for the attention of the Admissions Officer.

LRC News

This week in the LRC we are discovering Britain and Ireland through the works of the authors who knew and loved our cities and countryside. Take a bracing walk across the Yorkshire moors with *Kathy and Heathcliffe* or lose yourself in 19th-century London with Sherlock Holmes. The streets of Dublin are brought to life by Joyce in his masterpiece, *Ulysses*, as we spend a day with *Leopold and Molly Bloom*. Bask in the lazy summer sun with Laurie Lee as he recounts his childhood spent in and around Stroud where he enjoyed *Cider with Rosie*.

More recent novels capture modern, urban life – Monica Ali's *Brick Lane* shows us what it is like to grow up in multi-cultural London. Or maybe something from the pen of renowned travel writer Bill Bryson is more your cup of tea. You can drink this in the comfort of your arm chair as he takes us around the British Isles, providing us with his unique brand of American commentary.

There is no real substitute for travel but a well-crafted novel can bring to life little corners of the UK, helping to strengthen and broaden our understanding and appreciation of what is out there in our own back yards.



A reminder about parking

We must politely request that parents consider our neighbours during drop-off and pick-up of their children.



Please do not block the driveways of our residents and park in accordance with the road markings.

Medical care at school

All students feeling unwell during the day should visit Mrs Foster at Student Services.

She will take very good care of them, and contact you if she has any concerns or feels they would be better resting at home.

Students should not use their mobile phones during the day to contact you—please remind them of this if necessary.

Headteacher Surgeries

Mrs King is delighted to meet parents and carers for a short appointment to discuss anything they wish to raise with her.

The next surgeries are on Thursday 7 February, from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Using the link below, parents and carers 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 if you have any questions.

Booking link

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

Events in the next fortnight

28/01/2019	
29/01/2019	Year 11 Ensemble Performance Evening (GCSE Music), 6pm Boys' Football: Y8 and Y10 vs Cotham, at Kellaway Avenue Girls' Netball: Y9 vs Henbury, home
30/01/2019	Boys' Football: Y7 Blue and Y9 vs Cotham, at Kellaway Avenue Girls' Football: U16 vs Colston's, away at Clifton College Sports Ground
31/01/2019	Year 8 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm
01/02/2019	
02/02/2019	
03/02/2019	
04/02/2019	Sixth Form Interviews (3-5pm)
05/02/2019	Dr Andrew Green (Brunel University) - A Level Literature Lectures (Y13) Year 10 Solo Performance Evening (GCSE Music), 6pm Girls' Netball: Y7 vs Henbury, home Girls' Football: U16 vs Orchard School, away Boys' Football: Y8 & Y9 vs Henbury, away
06/02/2019	School History Scene Trip (Y11) Boys' Football: Y7 Blue & Y10 vs Henbury, away
07/02/2019	Y11 & Y13 Berlin Trip UKMT Maths Challenge Girls' Football: U14 vs Cathedral, away Headteacher Surgeries 5-6:30pm. Appointment only
08/02/2019	Y11 & Y13 Berlin Trip
09/02/2019	Y11 & Y13 Berlin Trip
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Old Technology

Do you have any old technology that you could donate?

The D&T department want to do a display on the evolution of technology.

We are interested in old hand held technology particularly old phones, (*really* old ones), mobiles, game console controls and joysticks. We don't need them to work so if they are a bit broken that's fine. Donations can be given to Ms Street in CG17.



If you are interested in seeing just how different technology is for teenagers today then this ['Interesting Engineering' clip](#) shows two teenagers trying to problem-solve how to use a rotary telephone...





FRIENDS OF BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL presents

Live music and licensed bar

Bristol's ultimate tribute to the 'BritPop' era

SUPERNOVA

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY NIGHT 15th March

@ BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL

DRAMA HALL, CONCORDE DRIVE, BRISTOL BS10 6NJ



Dust off your parka! Bristol's ultimate BritPop tribute, SUPERNOVA, will be transporting you back to the 1990's with the sounds of Blur, Oasis, Pulp, The Charlatans, The Stone Roses, James, Suede, The Verve and many more... You're in for a nostalgic time-warp treat, so rewind and get ready to scream your heart out to all the anthems of your youth. So buckle-up, get mad for it and relive the best decade of the last century (Maybe).



ADULT ONLY / TICKET ONLY EVENT - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

All proceeds will be spent on equipment and experiences for students across all year groups, which cannot be funded through the school budget.