



# Weekly Update

## Message from the Headteacher

On Tuesday evening, Bristol Free School held their very first fashion show and it was a great success. A personal highlight was the amazing fashion pieces that were created by our KS3 students on the theme of 'upcycling'. Some brave students modelled the homemade clothes which ranged from a show stopping dress made purely from neckties, to a mini-dress made from recycled Amazon packaging. It was incredible to see the different direction each student took with their ideas, and how wearable the garments they produced were – a potential BFS Spring/Summer collection! My thanks go to Miss Burman who organised this event and worked with the students to make the clothes. A big well done and thank you to Year 12 who were also a driving force behind the organisation of the event. One of the objectives was to raise money for the planned Nepal expedition this summer. Thank you also to FoBFS who kindly provided refreshments to support the event.

On Wednesday, KS4 students went to Cardiff to watch the critically acclaimed production of Macbeth. Thank you to Ms Williams for planning and organising the trip and to all the staff who supported it. Student behaviour and engagement was exemplary, and feedback was very positive.

We are currently having a focus on road safety and the importance of being safe on the roads when travelling to and from school. If students travel by bike, we ask them to be aware of other road users and, most importantly, to wear helmets, as the roads around the school are getting busier with roadworks in the surrounding areas.

Finally, I would like to wish the students doing their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition, accompanied by Miss Carr and Miss Gould, the best of luck—hopefully the weather will hold, and navigational skills will be a triumph.

Have a lovely weekend—I would recommend heading to the International Jazz and Blues Festival where our fantastic jazz band, *Treble Bass* will be playing. More information is on the calendar of events in the following pages.

*Mrs S King*  
Headteacher



## Fashion Show

On Tuesday evening Bristol Free School hosted our inaugural Fashion Show. The evening raised money to be split between BFS Design and Technology department, and schools and communities in Nepal. Ten of our Sixth Formers will be travelling out to Nepal in the summer to work in a school (teaching English and Music) while helping to build their community garden which will not only aid the community but assist in further school funding. We wish them all the best on their trip and thank them for all their support.

The show displayed the work of seven incredibly talented KS3 students, who have designed wonderful 'upcycled' garments, which they have brought to life over the last 10 weeks at home and during Alterations Club. Each garment has been created with recycled materials, including a gown made entirely from ties, a skirt created from 13 sheets of newspaper, and a mini dress made from amazon gift wrap (All garments can be seen in the photographs). Our models all looked beautiful walking down the catwalk and did a fabulous job at showcasing the designs. I am immensely proud of all the students who took part and would like to thank them for their commitment to the evening! (*We can't wait to seeing what you will make next!*)

A special mention goes out to our designers and makers; Alana (tie dress—right, modelled by Paige), Trinity (Duct Tape dress), Charlotte (tie dress), Katy (newspaper skirt and top—below left, modelled by Anna who worked on it with Katy), Osob (Somali Inspired evening wear), Natasha (playsuit), Isobel, Aila (silver lining dress) and Evelyn (Amazon gift wrap dress—below right).

The rest of the evening was conducted by *Colours Fundraising Fashion Shows* who put on a fantastic catwalk of high street brands, which our guests enjoyed browsing, trying on and purchasing throughout the rest of the evening.

A final thank you must go to FoBFS for providing refreshments and to *Your Special Day 1985* for lending us the decorations for the evening, as well as all of our guests for coming along.

Please send any feedback from the event to [dtfac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:dtfac@bristolfreeschool.org.uk). It will be greatly received to help us develop the event for next year.

We look forward to seeing you again at the next Fashion Show!

Miss Burman



#### Clubs for Term 3 and 4

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the Easter break. There will be no clubs on Thursday 28 March.

The week commencing 25 March is **Blue Week**.

#### Vaccinations Reminder

A reminder for Year 9 parents; the Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria/Polio and Tetanus vaccinations will be given in school on Wednesday 27 March.

#### Little Shop of Horrors!

Tickets for the school production of Little Shop of Horrors went on sale this week.



The show will be performed at Redmaids' School, Westbury Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 3AW on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 April at 7:30pm.

Tickets are available to buy for £5/£3 concessions from Student Services, with proceeds being used to cover some of the production costs.

#### Macbeth

On Wednesday night, we had the proud pleasure of accompanying 111 students from Years 10 & 11 to see the National Theatre's touring production of 'Macbeth' at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff. This was an opportunity for students to experience their GCSE Shakespeare text brought to life from the comfort of their very own stalls seats. It was a terrific night; the students' behaviour was exemplary and 'civilians' who found themselves surrounded by BFS uniforms might have resigned themselves to distraction and disruption at the start of the night, but actually ended up passing on their compliments to staff, saying our students were 'a credit to the school'.

Students commented on how the dystopian approach to the text gave them another angle on and deeper understanding of the meaning of the play; that the facial expressions of the actors – clearly visible from our super stalls seats - helped reveal the emotions behind the actions and how the use of music and sound effects added to the spectacle. It was a late night and we had lots of tired staff and students on Thursday, but all very worthwhile.

*Ms Williams*



**LRC News**

**World Poetry Day** is 21 March, and to celebrate, the LRC has put together a collection of poetry books for the students to come in and peruse and borrow. We have a large assortment ranging from humorous ditties appealing to our younger students to the more serious, angst ridden verse which our older students may find more relatable.

Some people might think that poetry is an out-dated mode of Literature—maybe too complicated and wordy, and not worth the effort it takes to decode. However, modern poetry appreciation is on the rise, especially for women between the ages of 13-25.

It may be that in a time when the world is full of upsetting, worrying and confusing news reports, that a little beauty, comic relief or a fresh voice shedding new light is just what we need.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

The Book Fair returns to BFS on Monday. In addition to being open to students during break and lunch times, Year 7 parents/carers will be able to make purchases until 6:30pm on Thursday during the subject evening.

Please remember, every pound spent helps to raise money for the school.

**Year 10 Boys' football report**

I may not be as 'in tune' with physics as Mr Mabey or Mr Pollock, but I theorise that lightning can in fact strike the same place twice, as I write again about our Year 10 boys' football team.

Last week they were triumphant in the Woodcock Shield. This week they replicated that victory in the Bristol's Cup. We played Redland Green School, who had topped their league by winning every single game. A close first half ended 0-0 before a second half bombardment of chances fell to Riccardo Smith, Kyle Widger, Xavier Burgess and Bailey Turner, inevitably forcing the opposition to crumble.

Two penalties, both for hand-ball, were converted by Bailey and Xavier, with a final goal from close range by Kyle seeing us comfortably win 3-0.

The semi-final has drawn BFS against St Mary Redcliffe and Temple, who will provide a tough competition on Thursday 29 March (location TBC). Man of the match was awarded jointly to Qwade Kidd and Riccardo Smith, congratulations boys.

*Mr Cosgrove*

**Events in the next fortnight**

23/03/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition Treble Bass at Bristol International Jazz and Blues Festival (11am, Balloon Bar in Bristol SU)
24/03/2019	Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition
25/03/2019	Book Fair
26/03/2019	Girls' Netball: Y9 vs Clifton High, home Book Fair
27/03/2019	Flying Start Competition Final - Fleet Air Museum Men ACWY & DTP Y9 Boys' & Girls' vaccination Book Fair Rosslyn Park Rugby 7s Y11 Drama Practical Exam dress rehearsal 6:30pm
28/03/2019	GCSE Drama Practical Exam Book Fair Year 7 Subject Evening; 4:30pm - 7pm Headteacher Surgeries 5-6:30pm. Appointment only.
29/03/2019	Sixth Form Deadline for Student Finance and Disabled Student allowance Book Fair PSHE Day (KS4&5) FoBFS Cake Sale, 3pm Year 10 Boys' Football semi-final vs St Mary Redcliffe and Temple Year 9 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
30/03/2019	Year 9 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
31/03/2019	
01/04/2019	
02/04/2019	
03/04/2019	
04/04/2019	Easter Showcase concert, 7pm Drama Hall
05/04/2019	



**FoBFS News**

A BIG thank-you to everyone who came and supported our first ever band night on 15 March. Supernova were amazing and it was great to see so many people dancing and enjoying themselves.

FoBFS will be selling cakes after school on Friday 29 March. Students will need to bring a small amount of cash to buy a cake for their journey home.

If you'd like to help with FoBFS events or would like more information please see our page on the school website or email us at [fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:fobfs@bristolfreeschool.org.uk)



# Cake Sale

Friday 29th March - 3pm



Kindly take all cake donations  
to Student Services  
before school. Thank you

*Students: don't forget your money*

