



Weekly Update

Message from the Headteacher

As promised, this week is a bumper edition, and we are well and truly into the busiest part of term now.

Last week saw the final exams take place, our Year 8 girls attend a Bristol-wide conference packed full of information, and Year 12 students experience a fascinating (and very hot) few days in Berlin. I must thank our exams' team, Mrs Morris and Mrs Arriazu, for all their hard work during the exam season, Mrs Giblin for supporting Year 8 at the conference and Miss Barnes, Miss Norton, Miss Holyoake, Mr Green and Mr Walker for accompanying Year 12 to Germany.

This week both Year 11 (below) and Year 13 had their leavers' assemblies and summer balls, where they bid fond farewells to each other and cast their minds forward into their futures. We wish Year 13 the very best of luck in the next stage of their lives, and look forward to welcoming back Year 11 into the Sixth Form. A Level results day is Thursday 15 August, with the GCSEs on Thursday 22 August.



Next week, our inaugural awards evening will welcome guest speaker Willard Wigan, MBE (right). Wigan is the artist and creator of the world's smallest hand-made artworks in history. He holds two Guinness World Records and an honorary PhD from the University of Warwick. Both his PhD and MBE recognise the significant contributions he has made to art and sculpture. To the naked eye, his sculptures are hardly perceptible; they are often smaller than a full stop in a newspaper. Yet, through a microscope, the fantastic level of detail in his work achieves the impossible. You can find out more about Wigan on his [website](#). We are extremely excited to welcome him to our school.



Later in the week, we will welcome the Year 7s joining us in September from their various primary schools. This week we hosted St Ursula's and Horfield (left) ahead of their end-of-term activities next week, and the students had a brilliant morning experiencing what school will be like for them from September. All Year 6 parents and carers are invited to the Induction Evening on 4 July—a letter has been sent home this week with details.

Further ahead, and we have the FoBFS BBQ to look forward to on Friday 19 July—please see the information later in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Wishing you all a lovely sunny weekend.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Year 12 History Trip to Berlin



At an hour so early the only life in the car park was the resident badger, 36 Year 12 students set off for Gatwick and ultimately Berlin. Fitbits went into overdrive as soon as we arrived and started the trip with a walking tour of the city, taking in sights such as the Brandenburg Gate (below), the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, and the Reichstag, before heading back to the hotel for some well earned dinner and an early (ish) night.

On day two, we visited the DDR museum to learn about life in Eastern Germany (right), and visited the TV Tower and the Alexa Centre en route to the Topography of Terror Museum.

As the temperatures rose, the third day took us to the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, which was a very memorable and humbling experience for both students and staff. Our final day took us to the Bernauerstrasse Wall Memorial; the largest piece of intact Berlin Wall in the original location.

Students asked insightful questions of our tour guide and represented BFS brilliantly; it was a delight to visit Germany with them and to see them gain so much from the experience.



Miss Barnes

Student Corner

The student corner is a piece by one of our students, sharing something relevant to them, in or out of school. This week, Anna Sheldon in 7TG5 writes about The Butterfly Project; a project being undertaken by students in the LRC...

We aim to alert other young people to the dangers of climate change. Our planet faces extinction from the devastating effects of releasing fossil fuels into our atmosphere and this collaborative artwork aims to alert people to that fact.

The artwork will show a group of butterflies flying past a giant tree and then on to some factories that are producing masses of smoke. These buildings show what our planet is destined to look like if we do not take immediate action. The butterflies start off as colourful, but slowly fade out to black and grey and finally you will see a few plastic butterflies to represent death and destruction caused by climate change and the pollution plastic is causing in our society. We will be launching the project next Tuesday at lunchtimes until the end of term in the LRC and welcome everyone who wants to get involved.



A project created by Anna Sheldon, Evie Bush and Seren Jones in 7TG5

Clubs for Term 5 and 6

Please [click here](#) for details of the clubs running until the end of the year. Please note that Yoga has moved to Thursdays.

The week commencing 1 July is **Red Week**.

Year 8 Conference for Girls

On Monday 17 June, we took 10 girls to the Bristol Girls Cross-City Conference at Redmaids' School.

They took part in workshops throughout the day based on building friendships, CPR and basic first aid, social media, careers and future prospects, and celebrity role models. In addition, they learned some basic self-defence strategies and met a member of the Police, discussing their career, expectations of the Police and how to gain support.

The girls had a really positive day, and it was wonderful to see them build positive relationships with girls from other local schools too.

Mrs Giblin



Volunteers needed

Can you spare some time to give young people an insight into your job and how your career has developed?

On Thursday 18 July we will be hosting a careers day. We are looking for people working in a wide variety of roles across the work force, to talk about their jobs, the skills that they use and to take questions from our students.

Please email the school, marked for the attention of Miss Holyoake, PA to the Headteacher, if you can help.

Able and Ambitious Lectures

The first of the two-lecture series held by the Year 8 Able and Ambitious group was held this Tuesday.

Huge congratulations to Eloise R, James H, James G, Felix J, Ben M, Darcy H, Emily W, Matt H and Clem S, who researched, prepared and presented their lectures on 'What goes on inside a dog's mind?', 'Strange Reptiles', 'The Basics of Quantum', 'The Nature of Black Holes' and 'What is Infinity'.

Our next lecture series will be held on Tuesday 9 July, please drop us an email if you would like to attend.

Mrs Giblin



Catering Survey



We are reaching the end of the first year with our new caterers, Innovate, and they are keen to hear the thoughts of students and parents alike.

Students will be asked to complete a survey at school during their ICT lessons, with those students who do not take ICT to complete it at home via Show My Homework.

Attached to the email with this newsletter are details of the parent/carer survey. Please could all parents/carers complete.

Key Dates for Term 6

Friday 28 June and Monday 1 July—Inset Day (school closed to students)

Week commencing 1 July — Year 12 Work Experience week

Tuesday 2 July—Awards Evening

Thursday 4 July—Year 6 Induction Day and Evening

Friday 5 July—Sports Day at Coombe Dingle

****NEW**** Friday 12 July—non-uniform day. Wear something green and donate £1 to raise money to support FoBFS in helping us develop new social spaces for students!

Tuesday 16 July—Sixth Form Induction Day and Evening

Thursday 18 July—STEM Day and Careers Café

Friday 19 July—FoBFS BBQ and Art Exhibition

FoBFS Raffle and BBQ

Hopefully you have now received, via your child, the envelope containing 5 raffle tickets. This is to raise money for Friends of Bristol Free School (FoBFS) which helps the school to pay for things that it could not otherwise afford. All money that FoBFS raises this year will be spent by the school next year.

We have managed to secure some great prizes, and these are listed below.

- Signed Bristol City Shirt
- Meal for 2 at The White Horse
- £50 Kemps Voucher
- Henbury Leisure Centre: 2 months free swimming lessons
- £50 voucher Franco Joseph Hairdresser
- Voucher for dinner suit hire at Dyfed Menswear
- Ciao restaurant voucher
- £20 voucher Westbury Inks
- Food hamper from Innovate
- Food hamper from Co-op and Coffee No.1
- Bracelet from Cindy Jane
- Box of Budweiser

Please sell these tickets to others (or even buy them yourselves!) and return the money (or cheques payable to Friends of Bristol Free School) with the completed stubs to reception by Friday 6 July. Please return any unsold tickets by this date too as we can sell them at the FoBFS BBQ. The BBQ is being held at school on Friday 19 July from 6:30pm-9:30pm and that's when the winning tickets will be drawn.

Our annual summer **BBQ on Friday 19 July** is our main event to help raise funds to support our children's school. Your help would be much appreciated. Last year we had a fantastic turn out and it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves. It is a good way to catch up with other parents, enjoy good food and be entertained by music from the pupils and our own DJ. There will also be a display of the students' art work as well as a games wagon for the children and games from the PE department and other stalls.

If you can help for any amount of time on the evening please sign up using the link below. If you are able to sign up to more than one slot that would be great.

Hope to see you there!

FoBFS

<https://signup.com/login/entry/1004936978095>



Events in the next fortnight	
01/07/2019	Inset Day
	VEX robotic challenge
	Girls' careers event, Bristol University
02/07/2019	Awards Evening
	Year 12 WEX
	Sports Leaders at Westbury on Trym Academy Sports Day
03/07/2019	Athletics - Summer Games at Coombe Dingle
	Year 10 Speaking and Listening Exams
	Year 12 WEX
04/07/2019	Year 10 Speaking and Listening Exams
	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening
05/07/2019	Year 12 WEX
	Sports Day
06/07/2019	Year 12 WEX
	7TG4 at St Paul's Carnival
07/07/2019	<i>Treble Bass and Hollow Trees</i> at the Keynsham Music Festival (1-3pm)
08/07/2019	Y9 Battlefields Trip
	Hackathon for Girls - Y10&12 at Bristol University
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09/07/2019	Hackathon for Girls - Y10&12 at Bristol University
	Able and Ambitious Presentations, 6pm Drama Hall
	Y8 Science Discovery Prize
10/07/2019	Y10 Art Students to Botanical Gardens, 9:20am-1:20pm
	Y9 Battlefields Trip
	Hackathon for Girls - Y10&12 at Bristol University
11/07/2019	Music Tour (departure after school)
	Hackathon for Girls - Y10&12 at Bristol University
	Y10 Drama Students to Bristol Old Vic - Dead Dog in a Suitcase
12/07/2019	Music Tour
	Year 9 Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
	Non-school uniform day—wear something green and donate £1!
13/07/2019	Year 9 Bronze DofE Assessed Expedition
	Music Tour
14/07/2019	Music Tour

FRIENDS OF BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL presents the

BFS SUMMER



FRIDAY 19th JULY 2019

@ BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL

CONCORDE DRIVE, BRISTOL BS10 6NJ

**COME AND MEET OLD & NEW FRIENDS AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!**

6:30 to 9:30pm

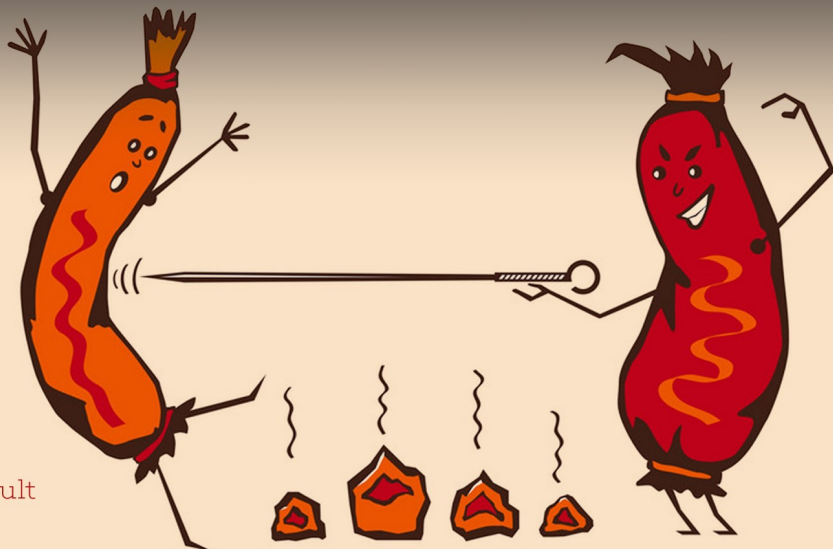
ENTRY:

Tickets £1 Adults

50p Children (16 and under)

Children who do not attend

BFS must be accompanied by an adult



- ★ GOURMET BBQ★ DISCO with DJ ★ LICENSED BAR
- ★ REFRESHMENTS ★ TOMBOLA ★ STALLS
- ★ MAKE-UP ★ SWEETS ★ ART EXHIBITION ★ RAFFLE
- ★ PE & MUSIC DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINMENT ★ GAME WAGON **

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ART EXHIBITION

BRISTOL FREE SCHOOL
GCSE & A LEVEL

19 JULY 2019
D BLOCK DRAMA STUDIO