

Words from the Headteacher

Term 1 is now in full swing and I am happy to report that students are working hard and making great progress. We had a number of visitors to the school this week and I was very proud to receive their positive feedback about the lessons and the excellent attitude and behaviour of our students.

I am also very pleased at the moment with the very high level of student attendance to the enrichment sessions that are being offered after school. BFS students are lucky to have such a fantastic range of extra-curricular opportunities, as well as homework club, available up to 4:15pm on most days. A special mention to the Art club who are doing a superb job painting a mural on the walls of the school dining hall. It has been really exciting to watch the design take shape over the last few months and it is certainly a colourful celebration of food and creativity at BFS. Thank you to Ms Dawson for leading this.

I would also like to thank FoBFS for all their support. Last night was their AGM which was well attended and it was lovely to see some new faces. The BFS community has really benefited from the fabulous events and fundraisers organised by FoBFS over the years. The money that they have raised has supported the school in many ways, from equipping our Year 7 Courtyard to buying specialist equipment in D & T and music, along with supporting our annual Science week. Just as important, is the time that is given to the school by parents and carers and this is what makes our school community so special. We have some exciting plans for 2019-20 which we will share in our upcoming newsletters.

Finally, a big thank you to all Year 11 parents who attended the curriculum evening last Thursday. The partnership between home and school is so crucial in the final year of GCSE and I do hope you found the information useful. My thanks also go to Mr Fernandes, Mr Harris, Mr Cousins, Mr Hamilton and Mr MacBlain who spoke at the evening.

Enjoy your weekend.

*Mrs S King
Headteacher*

Message from the Head Boy and Head Girl

Hello all,

We are delighted to have taken up the position of Head Boy and Girl this year at BFS.

This year, we look forward to pushing forward and completing many projects to help develop and further the school community. These include the implementation of our house system and the further development and construction of our green areas, as well as hopefully gaining an 'eco-schools' title.

We'd like to thank Mrs King and Mr Walker, along with the rest of the senior team, for the opportunities that come with this appointment and we look forward to contributing to the school's progress this year.

Angus and Jess



Duke of York iDEA Success

Congratulations to the 27 KS3 students who, after just 4 weeks, have already gained their Bronze Duke of York iDEA Award. This has been set for homework for the next 6 months in Computer Science. We are incredibly impressed with your dedication, determination and enthusiasm to achieve this industry-recognised award that helps develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.

Even more impressive and a huge congratulations to Elliot Twohigg and Carl Richards in Year 8 who have gained their Silver Award in just 4 weeks! I would also like to congratulate the five KS4 and KS5 students who achieved Bronze and Silver towards to the end of last year - Dan Brazil, Fiona Gibbs, Lena Richards, Daniel Biju and Eloïse Chown.

From a very impressed Mrs Sherman



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OFFICIAL 2019 PROMPT LIST

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| 2. MINDLESS | 12. DRAGON | 22. GHOST |
| 3. BAIT | 13. ASH | 23. ANCIENT |
| 4. FREEZE | 14. OVERGROWN | 24. DIZZY |
| 5. BUILD | 15. LEGEND | 25. TASTY |
| 6. HUSKY | 16. WILD | 26. DARK |
| 7. ENCHANTED | 17. ORNAMENT | 27. COAT |
| 8. FRAIL | 18. MISFIT | 28. RIDE |
| 9. SWING | 19. SLING | 29. INJURED |
| 10. PATTERN | 20. TREAD | 30. CATCH |
| | | 31. RIPE |

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Inktober

After such success last year, we are taking part in Inktober again this year.

Students, staff or parents can submit a drawing a day, or a collection of drawings (weekly), to be displayed on the board by main reception. By the end of the month it will be overflowing with fantastic drawings from across the school community.

Students can collect a prompt list, and paper if needed, from the board, and see Mrs Suter for any further guidance.

For more information, please visit the Inktober website; inktober.com

Happy drawing!

Plastic bottles

A plea from the art department: large plastic bottles (preferably green) are required for upcycling.

If you are able to donate any to the school rather than putting them in your kerbside recycling, please bring them to main reception or Student Services.

Thank you!



Wet weather

The autumnal weather looks set to continue for the rest of this term, and beyond.

Please can parents/carers ensure that students have, and wear, a coat on their journey to and from school to prevent them having to spend the day soggy.

Blazers are not waterproof!



Netball fixture

The Year 11 netball team have had a great start to the season, with three friendly wins against St Bede's and Blaise High, where they scored over 30 goals in both games. This week, the girls faced Oasis Brightstowe in a friendly just before their Bristol Schools' Festival, and again were victorious beating them 14-2.

On Wednesday the girls then travelled to Clifton College Sports Ground to compete against six other schools in the festival. With three wins against St Bede's, Blaise High and Cotham, a draw against Redland Green and two losses to Oasis Brightstowe and Colston's, they finished in a respectable 3rd place. Evie T and Emily S picked up nominations by the other teams for player of the match across all six games. A great achievement and a superb start to the sporting year.

Well done girls!

Miss Hammond



Amazon HQ

We had a great time at Amazon HQ yesterday for the App Development competition and are very excited about the opportunities available from being part of such an inspiring competition - a full report will follow soon!

Mrs Sherman



European Day of Languages Bake Off Competition



Entries are in for the Bake Off celebrating the European Day of Languages.

The champion will be announced on Tuesday.

Good luck to all!



Careers advice at Bristol Free School

Last week we took our Year 12 students to a university and apprenticeship fair at Ashton Gate. The event provided students with the opportunity to speak to a wide variety of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, as well as attend seminars. The purpose of our visit was to support students to make informed choices about their future. It was a fantastic event and a great way for our students to speak to employers and universities directly.



Parents and Carers please see the information page about careers on our [website](#). This highlights some very useful sources of information to use when considering future career options. All students throughout Bristol Free School will follow a career guidance pathway; an overview of the pathway can be seen on our [career plan](#).

Rolls-Royce Apprentice Open Evening 2019 - Bristol



Apprentice and School Leaver Open Evening
Wednesday 13 November 2019 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Rolls-Royce, Horizon Hall - Whittle House Customer Centre Reception, Gate 7 - PO Box 3, Gypsy Patch Lane, Filton, Bristol, BS34 6QA

Post-GCSE, Rolls-Royce offer Advanced Practical/Technical & Engineering/Manufacturing Apprenticeships for people who are keen to get hands-on experience within various areas of the business. Post A-level Roll-Royce have full degree-level apprenticeship programmes across the business, along with training schemes that provide professional qualifications.

This event is for Year 10-13 students and their guests (max 2. per student). For further information please follow this link to register for the Open Evening Event - [Apprentice Open Evening - Tickets](#)

Clubs for Term 1 and 2

Please see the website for the fantastic schedule for Term 1 and 2. Please note there is no creative writing club running on Thursday 17 October.

<https://www.bristolreeschool.org.uk/extra-curricular-clubs.php>

Attendance

In anticipation of cold and flu season, please be sure to read our guidelines and useful information about [attendance](#) on our website.

The month ahead

14/10/2019	SCS Governors' Meeting Y9&10 boys' rugby vs Cathedral School, away
15/10/2019	
16/10/2019	Y8 Bristol Schools' Rugby Festival Y10 Netball Festival at Clifton College Sixth Form MFL Webinar, St Mary Redcliffe
17/10/2019	Y7, 8 & 9 girls' netball vs Oasis Brightstowe, away Y9 & 10 boys' rugby vs SMRT, away NO CREATIVE WRITING CLUB TODAY
18/10/2019	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
19/10/2019	
20/10/2019	
21/10/2019	
22/10/2019	Year 7 to Clifton College - Team Building Activities Y7 & 8 girls' netball vs St Bede's, away
23/10/2019	Year 7 to Clifton College - Team Building Activities Bristol Schools' Cross Country, at Ashton Park School Year 9 Netball Festival at Clifton College
24/10/2019	Year 7 to Clifton College - Team Building Activities Y9 Bristol Schools' Rugby Festival Y12 Settling-in Evening 4pm - 7pm DofE Parents' Meeting, 6pm, Drama Hall
25/10/2019	Sixth Form Bursary Application Deadline
26/10/2019	
27/10/2019	
28/10/2019— 01/11/2019	Half Term Naples Geography Trip
02/11/2019	
03/11/2019	
04/11/2019	Oxbridge Entrance Exams this week
05/11/2019	Y7, 8 & 9 girls' netball vs Cotham, home (NO KS4 TRAINING)
06/11/2019	Y10 PSHE Day Y7, 8 & 9 girls' netball vs Redland Green, home Y7 Bristol Schools' Rugby Festival
07/11/2019	Year 10 Curriculum Evening
08/11/2019	Whole School Remembrance Assembly
09/11/2019	
10/11/2019	
11/11/2019	Communicate+ Conference, 4pm
12/11/2019	
13/11/2019	Year 8 Netball Festival at Clifton College SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
14/11/2019	Cross Country Trials at Bristol Grammar School SD & FB Governors' Meeting
15/11/2019	Children in Need - Mufti Day FoBFS Quiz

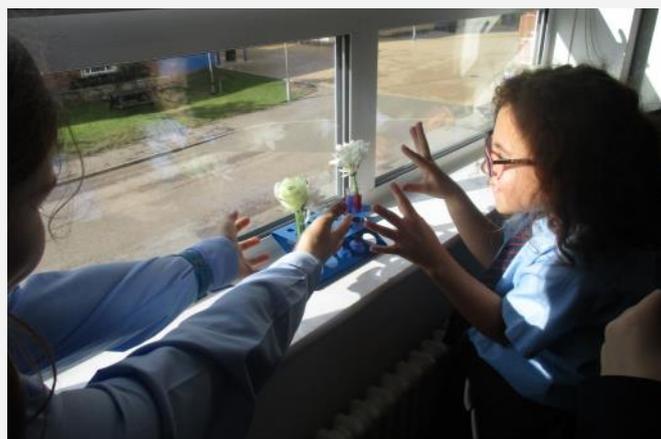
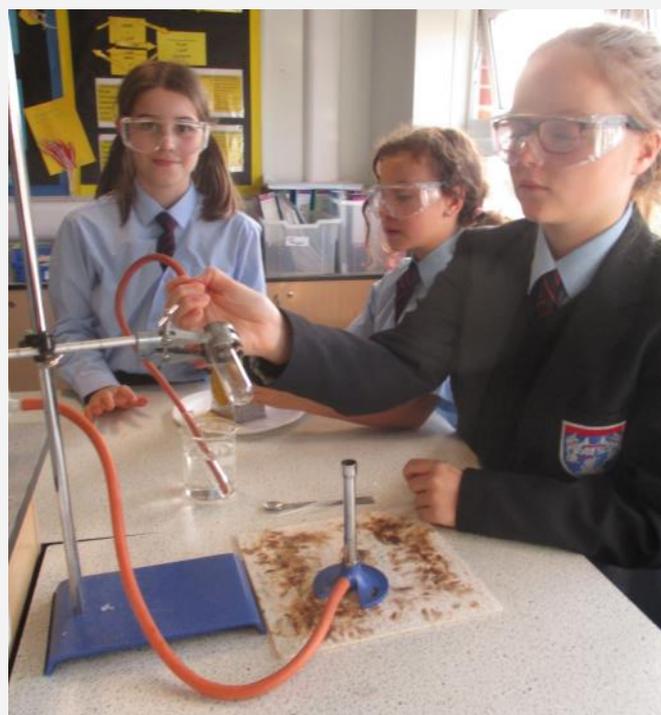
Science Club

Weeks three and four of our foray into the science of witchcraft and wizardry have been incredible!

Last week we learned our colour-changing charms, turning white roses all the colours of the rainbow! This week we delved in to Professor Sprout's classroom to learn some Herbology! Everyone worked really hard to extract the oil from oranges using the power of distillation - especially impressive as this was the first time Year 7 have conducted such a thorough practical.

Next week we dip our toes into the magic of invisibility (Marauders Map optional...)

Miss Board



FoBFS Quiz Night

On Friday 15 November, the FoBFS Quiz will be taking place. Ms Huzzey will dust off the glitter compère jacket, and the fish and chips will be ordered in abundance.

Please place your ticket order [here](#).



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