

Key Diary Dates

Monday 16 - Friday 20 November	Anti -Bullying Week
Wednesday 18 November	Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical Exams
Thursday 19 November	Year 9 Subject Evening - Virtual Event
Monday 23 - Friday 27 November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 15 December	Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Results Day
Wednesday 16 December	Sixth Former for a Day
Friday 18 December	Final Day of Term— School closes at 12:30pm

REMINDER: What to do if your child or someone in your household has COVID-19 Symptoms

It is essential that students self isolate for 14 days if they have Covid-19 symptoms or if they have had a positive test they need to self isolate for 10 days from the test date.

If your child has a positive test it is critical that the School is informed immediately by calling Attendance on **0117 950 8157** or please use **Study Bugs**.

If anyone else in the household tests positive or has symptoms, students will need to self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.



Congratulations Eloise

For your fantastic pumpkin entry!



COVID-19 Safety Reminders



Please take note of these very important reminders to support the COVID-19 safety and operational changes in school.

- Students must wear face masks when they are moving around the school site and in circulation areas – this includes queuing in the Dining Hall and whilst in the Sixth Form Common Room. We request that cloth rather than disposable face masks are used as this reduces any allergy risk and is kinder to the environment. These do, however, need to be washed frequently.
- It is extremely important that students arrive at school on time – which means no more than 5 minutes before their year group's allotted arrival time. Students arriving early causes bunching at the gates and potential for mixing of year groups which needs to be avoided.
- When students leave they should not loiter at the school gates, to avoid the next year group leaving.
- Ensure your child has their own equipment for school including stationery and Covid items such as personal hand sanitiser and tissues – all detailed in the Reopening Guidance. This is very important as no equipment can be shared.
- Should your child have an appointment during the school day, please collect them from the Student Gate (note this is different from normal). Please buzz the gate when you arrive and wait for them to be escorted there by a member of staff. When returning from the appointment, students should be dropped at the Student Gate so that they can sign back in at Student Services.
- If your child has an appointment, please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk at least 24 hours in advance. Please ask your child to make sure they leave their class and report to Student Services 5 minutes before the time you have agreed to collect them. Please impress on them that this is their responsibility

Your support with all of this is essential and much appreciated for everyone's safety.

Remembrance Day



#RemembranceDay

As a school we've adapted how we mark Remembrance this year. We are pleased that we could still bring our students together and over the week we have hosted a virtual Remembrance, created fantastic poppy designs and have explored the remarkable contributions of this generation. Please talk to your children about their learning and why we take part in Remembrance Day.



Students learning about Remembrance in their Tutor time!

Please support The Royal British Legion by making a donation virtually!



<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>



Beautiful poppies made by 9A2 which were made using recycled fabric scraps!

BFS Children In Need!



We have currently raised £1,254 for Children in Need with our mufti day!

Thank you all for your generosity.

BFS has had a lovely day celebrating this worthy cause, it's been brilliant seeing so many Pudsey ears! Here are some of our Year 7's celebrating during break time in our marquee!



Please still continue to donate via Parent Pay!

★ Anti-Bullying Week 2020, 16-20 November

This year's theme is: United Against Bullying



We're getting ready to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week! We have a range of anti-bullying activities, discussions and assemblies planned in Tutor Time to raise awareness of the issues surrounding bullying.

We are proud to be supporting Anti-Bullying Week next week to focus on the important things we can all do to stand united against bullying. As you know, bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it and, for parents and carers, it is natural to worry about children being bullied. We encourage regular conversations with your children about what is and what is not acceptable behaviour. **Together, we're united against bullying.**

BFS Sixth Form Virtual Opening Evening



It was great to see so many students, parents and carers accessing our Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening last night. If you haven't already seen our videos and accessed our online resources and application, then visit our website at

<https://www.bfs6thform.org.uk/virtual-open-evening.php>

If you have any questions, get in touch or ask a teacher or member of the Sixth Form team.

Mr Walker

Year 9 Virtual Subject Evening - Thursday 19 November



Next Thursday is our Year 9 Subject Evening and we will be running this virtually. To join us, please make an appointment via our Parents Evening System below, which will be live tonight from 7:30pm.

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

Any difficulty, then please follow our video demonstration here:

<https://vimeo.com/401026901>

Diwali/Deepavali – Hindu Festival of Light—Saturday 14 November

Diwali is the festival of light, most closely associated with Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune. It symbolises victory of light over darkness and good over evil.



We wish you a happy and safe Diwali, good fortune and prosperity, and we hope some light is shone on these difficult times.



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