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## MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REGIONAL CHAMPIONS IN THE SUBSEA STEM CHALLENGE!

### KEY DATES

- 21-22 May - Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
- 24 May - Year 10 Sports leaders at Westbury on-Trym CE Academy sports day
- 25 May - Year 9 Sports leaders at Westbury on-Trym CE Academy sports day
- 24 May - BEP Climate Challenge project at UWE
- 25 May - Year 10 Geography trip to River Holford and Bristol Harbourside
- 27 May - End of Term 5
- 6 June - Start of Term 6

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

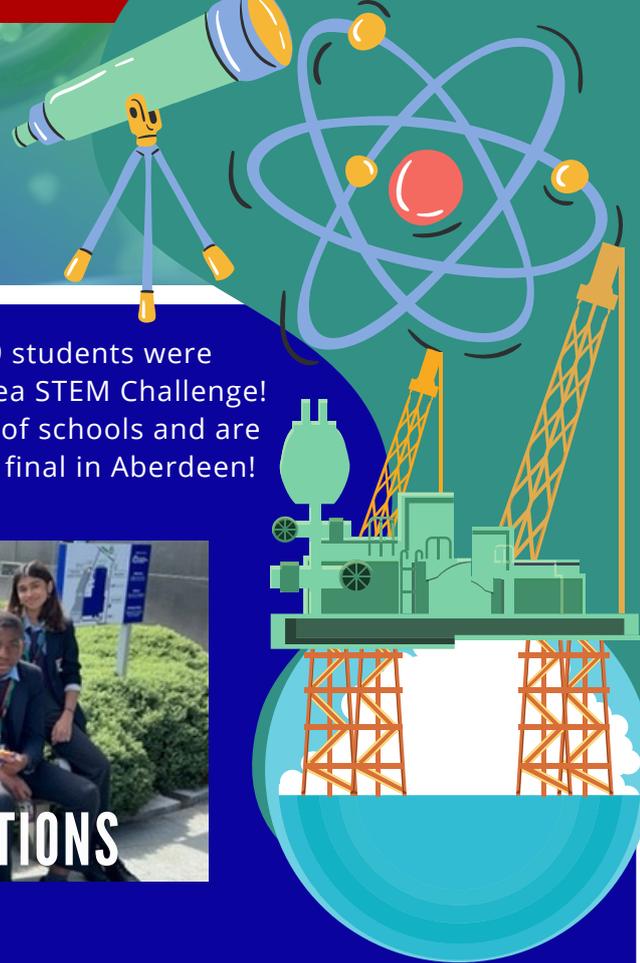
If a student is ill, please report this before 9.30 am. You can phone the absence line on 0117 9508157 or use the free app StudyBugs. Please state the reason for the absence.

If a student has an issue such as a minor headache, a small sport injury or mild period pain, please encourage them to attend school. Medication such as ibuprofen or paracetamol may be sent into Student Services for a student to access during the day. If you would like to send in medication, please email

[admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk) for an 'Administration of Medication' form. You will always be phoned if your child requests the medication. The Student Services team members are all first aid trained and will be able to send your child home if they get worse during the day.

# BFS SCIENCE

## SUBSEA STEM CHALLENGE!



MS BOARD

This week some of our amazing year 9 students were crowned Regional Champions in the Subsea STEM Challenge! We faced stiff competition from a variety of schools and are so proud to represent BFS at the national final in Aberdeen!



MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS

We were put through our paces with a number of challenges to complete throughout the day. First up was to design and build a remotely operated vehicle that could be used to clear plastics from the sea but was also able to carry out vital research about the current condition of the oceans. Next up was programming our robot to be able to follow a route and navigate through terrain and avoid marine obstacles. Brennan, David, Aleseya and Dylan managed to achieve all of these tasks before their competitors which led us on to the next part of the day. Mila and Martha were outstanding at working out the complicated marketing, budgeting and promotional challenges as well as coming up with an advert to entice potential buyers of our vehicle. An amazing storyboard was created with all the details and finances ready for a pitch to the judges.



Everyone contained their nervous energy and practised their presentation until we were confident. All members of the team spoke so professionally about their contribution to the project, with team manager Aleseya rounding up.

Now it was time to sit back and wait for the judges and after a long deliberation BFS were announced as the winners! We were all so excited and can't wait to go to Scotland to go head to head with the five other regional champs. All members were a credit to our school and we are so so proud of them! Well done!



# THIS WEEK IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

# design & Technology



MR LAM

## FLYING START CHALLENGE!

Jessica and Awura qualified to participate in the Flying Start Regional Grand Final at the Fleet Air Arms Museum in Yeovilton last week. They were set design challenges such as making a trebuchet for launching mini-eggs; a soft landing capsule for raw eggs dropped from a height and building a bridge that can support five cars from paper, albeit Hot Wheel cars. And of course, there was the fly-off where they launched their hand-built glider against many other schools.



CONGRATULATIONS!

# BFS DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Over the last weekend our Year 10 DofE students completed their Practice Expedition in the Forest of Dean & Wye Valley. Students walked over 30km during the weekend, completing an exhausting, hilly day in the sun on Saturday before finishing with a flatter walk through the showers along the River Wye on Sunday.

We camped at the idyllic Biblins Youth Camp on Saturday night, where students cooked their dinner on Trangias before playing an impromptu game of American football. We were fortunate with the weather, managing to avoid most of the heavy overnight rain and waking up to clear skies.

The instructors from H5 Adventure were again impressed with the abilities and attitude of our students, in particular their navigation skills - it sounds like next year there'll be stiff competition to work on BFS expeditions! We even had some feedback from a walker, who commented on how polite the groups she'd passed had been - great job team DofE!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the Silver Qualifying Expedition, Saturday 18 - Monday 20 June. In the meantime, please make sure you're making good progress towards your other sections (Skill, Physical & Volunteering) - it's not just about the expedition!



# BFS CAREERS



**MR PARRY**

HEAD OF BUSINESS AND CAREERS LEADER



## EMPLOYER TALKS

Today we were delighted to host Dominic Jephcott for our employer talk about careers in the management consultancy industry and how to run your own business. Dominic is an Entrepreneur, Engineer and Management Consultant and started up Vendigital. Vendigital is a consultancy that helps enterprise organisations identify, solve, and deliver bespoke solutions to effectively manage the toughest cost and operational challenges, ranked by the Financial Times in the UK's Top 25 Leading Management Consultancies in 2019.

Dominic gave an inspirational talk about how he started up his own business and gave some valuable tips to our budding entrepreneurs. He also gave an in depth talk about the management consultancy industry and the exciting career prospects in this industry.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL, OFFERING EMPLOYER TALKS TO THE STUDENTS THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT.

# BFS ENGLISH



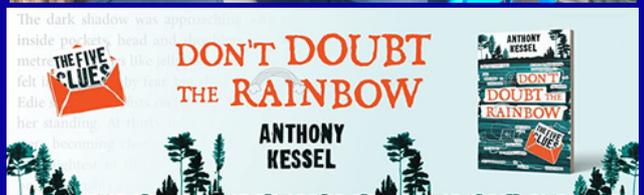
**MR GOWEN**

## AUTHOR VISIT

The English department were delighted to receive a visit from the author of the Don't Tell the Rainbow Series, Anthony Kessel, who guided selected key stage 3 students through his life and work as an author.

Anthony Kessel, who has recently been nominated for an award at the Crimefest Literary Festival, hosted a workshop that allowed budding crime writers to ask questions and understand the process required to write an effective detective novel; start with short stories! He was also happy to sign books for us at the end provided by local independent bookshop Max Minerva's.

There were some wonderful readings and convincing performances from Rosie A, Tom M, and Maeve O'B who acted out some wonderful scenes from a thrilling book.



# BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME



## TERM 5 UPDATES

During Term 5 the Language Ambassadors are learning languages outside French and Spanish. We kicked off this term with a taster session in Arabic as it is the most common additional language spoken by students at Bristol Free School. We learnt phrases such as 'my name is...', 'hello/goodbye', 'I am well' and many more! We also looked at the alphabet and formed our own names in Arabic.



On the whiteboards we have 'my name is' plus our names. This week we were lucky enough to welcome Miss Aston to come in and lead a taster session in Japanese! We learnt colours, basic sentence formation, greetings, and how to form our names in Japanese! How did we do?



## YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP - BRISTOL HARBOURSIDE

Year 10 undertook the Human Geography element of their GCSE this week by exploring areas of Bristol Harbourside. The fieldtrip weather gods shone down on us with some lovely conditions, perfect for surveying the land use and for observing the different areas of this familiar location.



All students were able to complete their environmental survey and comment on how the land use has changed throughout the history of the floating harbour. Some great field sketches were also completed by our superb artists! We finished up the trip by surveying some lovely members of the public about how they felt the area was used and if/how it could be improved. Well done everyone on your work and how polite and courteous you are! Looking forward to part two- Physical Geography, at the River Holford next week!



## CELEBRATING BFS SPORT



### BFS ROUNDERS



Our Y7, 8, 9 and 10 rounders teams played Cotham at Greenway on Thursday. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout. Y7 drew their game 12-12 with Prin being selected as MVP. Y8 won 18-6 with their team of 7. Imogen was selected as MVP. Y9 and Y10 also won their games against a combined Y9 and 10 Cotham team in a triangular match. Y9 players' player was Jas and Y10s MVP was Emily.

**Congratulations all! Fun start to our rounders season!**

### UNDER 13S CRICKET TEAM



Under 13s cricket team came a narrow second against Redland Green School on Thursday, losing by 3 runs. Congratulations to the many students making their debuts!





# UNIQUE VOICE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## A FREE CREATIVE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Your child has been selected to take part in a free Unique Voice Holiday Programme. My Future Self is a creative, aspiration focused project in Bristol for young people, aged 12-16 years.

#### WHEN

Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June  
10:00 - 2:00pm daily

#### WHERE

You can choose between two locations:

- Trinity Academy, Romney Ave, Lockleaze,  
BS7 9BY

- John Cabot Academy, Woodside Rd,  
Kingswood, BS15 8BD

### KEY PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

The programme day will include creative games and activities themed around a daily focus. These will be delivered by our highly trained, DBS checked youth facilitators. In addition the programme will include:

#### GUEST VISITORS

Professionals from a variety of industries will attend the programme. Providing your child with insights into different life paths and opportunities.

#### JOURNAL

Your child will be given a journal to express themselves creatively whilst at the programme and at home.

Free lunch and snacks are also provided.



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If you would like any more information or have any questions please email Becky at [beckyh@uniquevoice.org](mailto:beckyh@uniquevoice.org)

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