



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

Date: 20/11/23

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Week # of unit	10
Week # of the year	10

Highlights



Our students have been out for several fascinating and inspiring visits recently and have made the Blaise community proud due to their professional, positive and enthusiastic engagement in each of these visits.

On the 21st November, a group of year 9 students had the exciting opportunity of visiting Oxford University; one of the very best Universities in the world. During this trip students received a talk from Oxford university alumni detailing what the university has to offer and an insight into the day-to-day life at the University. After this the students made the short trip over to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History where they were greeted by a giant skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. During their visit students experienced a session on the preservation techniques used by museums and their importance to scientific research. This included a taxidermy Barn Owl, a fluid-preserved octopus from 1891 and live cockroaches!





On Monday the 20th of November, a collection of year 10 students who study Spanish and French went on a GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) experience at Bristol Grammar school. The GCHQ are an organisation who work closely with MI5 and MI6 to stop cybercrimes, terrorist activities and weapons trade of foreign threats. On this trip there were multiple schools they had to compete against to see who could translate and work the quickest, and the Year 10 Spanish speakers on the trip won an award with the Year 10 French group coming close second! We are very proud of these hard working, resilient students and how they represented our community.

Events

Friday 24 November: INSET Day

Saturday 25 November: Young Enterprise Group project at St Nicholas Market

Find out more regarding upcoming events on our [website](#)

Winners

The students with the **most** green points in the school.

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Collins B	1172
8	Pranav K	696
9	Johan V	880
10	Damian C	561
11	Freya H	417
Post 16	Taylor P	398

Fixtures

A huge well done this week to our Year 8 Netballers who beat Trinity 13-2, a team that have gone from strength to strength this term, through their dedication to practice. Particular shout out to Rianne N for player of the match and Olivia C for fantastic shooting.





Details of upcoming fixtures are below:

Date	Year	Fixture	Home or Away	Supporters able to watch
27/11/23	9	Girls' Netball vs Trinity	Home	Y
5/12/23	7 and 8	Boys' Rugby vs Orchard	Away	N
6/12/23	7 and 8	Boys' Rugby vs Cotham	Home	Y
11/12/23	7 and 8	Boys' Rugby vs St Bernadettes	Home	Y

Parents and carers are welcome to attend home fixtures. If you would like to attend, please come to the side gate of the school, by the car park, **promptly at 3.30pm**, where you will be met by a member of the PE department and walked across to the fixture. Regrettably, late attenders will not be able to spectate and we are not able to accommodate students or other children to spectate.





Resource Base Update:

It has been great to see our Year 11 and Post 16 students working hard on their academic studies as always. Over the last two weeks we have had Post 16 students sitting GCSE exams and we are eagerly awaiting the successful outcomes of them in January. Meanwhile, Year 11 have been working on their Geography coursework. As a part of this they have completed a series of questionnaires linked to a hypothesis they have proposed. This week they have been using IT to convert their data into graphical form and will soon be analysing and evaluating their findings. As well as making up a significant part of their Geography qualification, this is also vital in terms of the skills needed in preparation for post 16 education and in preparation for adulthood.

At Key Stage 3 the students have been involved in work experience both on site at school, and for some students, off site with an NHS provider.



Alongside this newsletter, you will see an attached letter from Avon and Somerset Police, providing guidance for all of our parents around children's use of e-Scooters. We are working hard with the Police to ensure that all of our children are safe on the roads on their own bikes and scooters; please read this guidance from the Police so we can help to keep your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding this letter and we can feed this back with our Police Community Support Officer.

We welcome feedback at any point, please do use this [form](#) to offer feedback on any part of the school.

We will always meet any parent that would like to meet. If you would like to meet with a member of the senior team to discuss concerns or any feedback, please email bristowj@blaisehighschool.co.uk

