



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter



Date: 4/12/23

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Highlights

We've had a very exciting week within the Performing Arts this week. Our choir attended the GLT Christmas Concert in Cirencester on Monday evening, performing a medley of songs. They then continued their tour into the enrichment showcase on Tuesday, and then formed part of our programme of performances of our Winter Showcase. We had approximately 50 students performing a range of musical performances as well as our very own pantomime written by our teacher of drama, Ms Collings. It was wonderful to see our students take pride in their performances, and bring us all into their festive spirit. Huge thanks goes to Mr Goodway, Head of Music and Ms Collings, Teacher of Drama, for their hard work and preparation for the wonderful performances.





Mountain Rescue

We are excited to launch our new Twitter (X) page for Mountain Rescue, @blaisemountain. Please follow our Twitter page, (X) where we will share regular updates around the support and interventions offered within Mountain Rescue, community events and celebrate some of the fantastic work within Mountain Rescue. Please watch our [launch video here](#).

Student Pantry - Mountain Rescue have launched their student pantry. We offer students care packages that include toiletries and hygiene items. We also offer our parents and carers access to food packages; you can email Mr Bransfield at bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk if you would like access to this

Swap Shop - Mountain Rescue have now launched their uniform swap shop. Parents can donate clothing that is outgrown. This will be laundered and stored within Mountain Rescue. Items can either be donated directly to the swap shop, or a request of a 'swap' to a larger size. Donations can be made to Reception. To request a swap, please contact bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk or send us a message on twitter to have access to the swap shop

Events

Monday 11 December: Rewards week

Monday 11 December: KPMG student visit

Tuesday 12 December: Royal Institute Christmas Lectures

Wednesday 13 December: School Christmas Dinner

Friday 15 December: KS3 and Y11 reports are sent home

Friday 15 December: Last day of term. Students finish at normal time.





Year 11 Academic Review Event

On 11 January 2024, we are holding an Academic Review event for parents of students in Year 11. There will be events for other year groups later in the year as outlined in the letter sent to you on 11 September. The aim of this is to give parents and pupils the opportunity to understand the academic performance of our students.

The event is on Thursday 11 January from 14.30 – 18.00. On that day, school will close to all students at 13.25. Those entitled to Free School Meals should take them during morning break or collect a packed lunch at 13.25.

Parents of Y11 students are welcome to come in at any time and for any duration within these times. Please feel free to talk to as many teachers as you feel suitable; this event is designed to fit the needs of you and your child. Your child is encouraged to accompany you.

The format of the event is that you will go to staff in the order of your choice, without making appointments. Teachers will discuss how your child has started academically in each subject. Usually, the first hour of these events is the most busy so you may want to come later in the event to avoid queues. We advise arriving no later than 17.00 if you wish to speak with a range of teachers. We look forward to welcoming you.

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	<i>Collins B</i>	<i>1273</i>
8	<i>Pranav K</i>	<i>792</i>
9	<i>Johan V</i>	<i>1108</i>
10	<i>Dimitar B</i>	<i>676</i>
11	<i>Freya H</i>	<i>502</i>
Post 16	<i>Taylor P</i>	<i>485</i>





Fixtures

This week we celebrated an incredible win for our Y8 Girls' Netball team, who defeated Oasis Brightstowe away 17-0. We are so proud of the way they have come together as a team over the course of this season. Huge congratulations to all involved, including Ms Coles and Ms Major in the PE department.



Details of upcoming fixtures are below:

Date	Year	Fixture	Home or Away	Supporters able to watch
13/12/23	7 and 8	Boys' Rugby vs Cotham	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:

We have had two significant events recently in the Resource Base. Firstly, the Year 7 students had a visit to the Bristol Old Vic. They got to see the workings of a theatre, stage set ups, costumes and a wide range of other areas that link to one of their current topics of study.

All students in the Resource Base completed the Bearpee challenge for Children in Need recently, as reported in the previous newsletter. In total the students raised £644 which is a fantastic achievement for a very worthwhile cause.





Year 11 and Post 16 have been completing fitness tests to try and qualify to take part in the Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge. More can be found out about this tough event [here](#) and we are really proud that our students are working so hard to try and be the first ever team from our Resource Base to succeed in gaining entry to this great event.



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
Please find a video summary of this newsletter [here](#)

