



KBO/JBI
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone, I hope you've had a great week!

We've had a special week at Blaise. Our Y7 students have taken part in Viney Hill Camp, we continue to celebrate Black History Month and our Y11s begin the final run up to their Winter Mock Exam season.

I want to start by reminding Y11 parents of our Information Evening on Monday 18th October. The event is still from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This will be a chance for all Y11 families to get top tips on preparing for exams, support for maintaining positive personal well-being throughout Y11, how the Y11 mock exams will work and an update on Y11 curriculum, homework and study opportunities. We hope this will help all Y11 families to feel confident and supported in what we know is a challenging year. We've timed the event carefully to fit with the distribution of revision packs. All students throughout this week and next will be receiving their subject revision pack, so they can best prepare for the Winter Mocks which begin on November 15th. Each pack contains a checklist of what to revise as well as supportive resources sharing content and exam practice. Please take the opportunity to look at these resources with your child.

The positivity through the green "reward" points on Class Charts has continued to boom. There are now 3 amazing students who have hit triple figures: Aiden H (145), Amelia W (114) and Olivia S (120).

We have 813 students in the double figures for positive points, that's 96% of the school! To help you understand the context of your child's green points I thought it would be helpful for you to know that:

- a green point score above 47 this week puts your child in the top 25%
- if they have more than 63 as of this week, they're in the top 10%

This week, we have awarded a massive additional 14789, we are now at a total of 32177 point green points with our top achievers of all time being:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Reece L (79)	Karina B (86)	Liana S (104)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Amina R (85)	Joshua D (130)	Aiden H (154)

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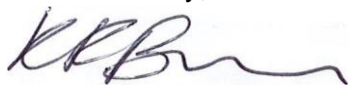
Our newest members of our school community have been on quite an adventure this week! Our Y7's have enjoyed many activities from abseiling to mountain biking, team building to campfire marshmallows and more importantly, working collaboratively, lots of friendship making and character building in between. Our Y7's showed us some amazing resilience and bravery. For some that was taking a leap of faith from a giant crate tower and for others that was staying away from home for the first time ever. These great experiences and memories will hopefully be a great experience for our students, to reflect on and lay some strong foundations for them to keep developing their new friendships and sense of belonging within our school community. It has been an absolute pleasure to have experienced this adventure with them. We were incredibly proud of all our pupils who took part and very thankful for the good weather, the hard work of staff, the activity centre and the endless positive energy from our amazing Y7's.

This week, the History department has run a number of events to celebrate Black History Month. Students in years 7 to 9 have been completing the "Meanwhile, Elsewhere" history challenge. We have also seen some excellent work about the Bristol Bus Boycott, the empire of Ancient Ghana and Mary Seacole. A number of students attended our lunchtime documentary screening of David Olusoga's 'Black and British' and it was brilliant to hear their thoughtful ideas and questions. On Tuesday, we hosted a Brainiac session on 'A hidden history: African women and the British health service 1930-2000' based on the work of the Young Historians Project. We were so impressed by how well students engaged with this talk. We are looking forward to the immersive theatre experience at St Mary's Church next week and we hope that these events will provide a springboard for students to think about and engage with black history throughout the year.

Please remember that Blaise is sharing and celebrating every day on social media, do follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using our handle [@blaisehighsch](https://www.instagram.com/blaisehighsch). We've shared some wonderful stories this week including pictures from camp and information about our Black History Month celebrations.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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