



KBO/JBI
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone. I hope everyone has had a great week. I want to start by thanking our brilliant Y9 and Y10 students and their families for being so flexible and adaptive with remote education this week.

With so many students learning from home, we have given fewer points this week, although we will be making up for this by giving out lots of Green Point rewards for the remote work they've been completing. These will all be awarded by the start of next week.

Our top achievers this week have been:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Ibrahim Y (19)	Doug B (21)	Alexis H (15)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Alfie G (18)	Reynhardt S (28)	Kartell W-A (31)

Last week, Y7 & all of the Resource Base students had the amazing opportunity of meeting bestselling children's author, Chris Bradford. Chris' visit was high energy, demonstrating martial arts moves and describing life as a Japanese Samurai; the theme of one of his series. Lots of students got to take part in the activities, winning posters and books. All students were prepared for his visit as they had learnt about Chris' books and watched trailers in their library lessons. This led to a huge number of questions being put to the author on the day! Miss Middleton will be awarding extra Character points to those students reading & quizzing on his books.



Last weekend, our Blaise Ten Tors Challenge students set off to Dartmoor for a weekend of navigation training ahead of the competition in May. Despite some high winds and unfortunately timed rain the team persevered and showed a lot of resilience to learn a lot of useful navigation skills and techniques which are required for the competition. We have one more training weekend in April and are keeping fingers crossed for some much more pleasant weather.

Next week, we are welcoming a new senior leader to Blaise High School. Tom Killigrew will join us as Acting Deputy Headteacher for pastoral care. He wanted to take this opportunity to introduce himself:

'It is an absolute honour and privilege to take up the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher at such an incredible school which always puts its community first. My strong belief in social justice stems from my upbringing in central Birmingham and has been at the core within each position I have undertaken both as a Science and PE teacher and a school leader both in South London at Harris Battersea and in South Gloucestershire at Yate Academy. Both of these outstanding schools are within the top 1% in the country for outcomes and I am hugely excited to bring my knowledge and experiences to the new role at Blaise High School. Away from the world of work I am a massive Aston Villa Fan and love playing all sports, however my time is now taken up trying to be the best Dad possible to my 6-month-old daughter. My promise to the Blaise community is that I will give the students, families and staff the opportunity to be part of an outstanding school in which we ensure a Better Chance of Success for all.'

Finally, I would like to continue to share the opportunity for parents and members of our community to join our school through our current support staff vacancies. We currently have new vacancies in our administration team that parents may want to check out. Furthermore, we still have a vacancy open for Exams Invigilator, which is flexible contract that may be of interest. Here is the link to our vacancies page where you can find more details:

<https://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/contact-blaise/school-contact-details/staff-vacancies>

I wish you all a fantastic weekend when it comes!

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown
Headteacher