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## Dear Parent/Carer

Congratulations to all our readers who have read so many amazing titles this term. They have achieved 32,059,905 words & passed 913 quizzes! Ten Golden Ticket winners will receive a bar of Willy Wonka chocolate for scoring 100% in their book quizzes. Almost 1,500 books have been borrowed from the library this term, testament of our students' commitment to their reading. Mrs Middleton is calling all of our artistic students to enter a competition. Students are invited to design our new Blaise High School Library Cards; they can take a competition entry sheet from the library and need to make their entry by Friday 8th November.

The library has also launched a new display in the library called Bookflix. It's Netflix for books and shows our students everything that's Trending, New In & Recommended. Finally, we want to let you know that we have a Book Fair upcoming. This will be in school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December and all books will be half-price! Parents welcome to browse & purchase between 3 and 4pm. Students are encouraged to look out for posters around school with details.

This week we completed the analysis of the Y11 snapshot assessments. The year 11 students completed these during the first week of October. It was the first brace of assessments and allowed us to see how far the students had come in their first few weeks of Y11. We were so happy their results. We calculated the average grade difference in each subject area and I'm sharing these uplifts below. It's amazing to think that after just 4 weeks of exceptional teaching from our wonderful staff and lots of hard work from our students our grades have moved up so much. If we keep going at this rate students will be improving from their end of Y10 to their final result by over 3 grades!

Subject	Average change in grade
English Language	+0.6
English Literature	+0.5
Maths	+0.4
Combined Science	+0.4
Triple Science	+0.8

Next to our sporting highlights. We had a brilliant cheerleading event this week. Ms Evans and Ms Harper took a group of girls to train as a cheerleading troop and has inspired them to give the sport a go. The troop will be training weekly now and fundraising for kit so they can perform at the Greenshaw Games at the end of the academic year.



This week, our Year 9 students competed in a Bristol wide festival. The girls had an excellent spirit throughout every match and a sturdy resilience that kept them pushing until the final whistle. We had Jamelia Nelson from year 8 playing up and she got our player of the match nomination for two matches from other teams.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful October half term break. Staff and students have worked exceptionally hard this half term and deserve a result. The first half term of Blaise High School has been the best 8 weeks of my career and I want to thank all those I work with for making that so. I'm constantly inspired by their enthusiasm, resilience and professionalism. I can't wait to get back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November for another brilliant half term ahead.

Yours sincerely

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