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Dear Parent / Carer

Y7 had a fantastic morning on Monday, meeting 'The Ruth Rendell' award winning author Tom Palmer. Tom spoke to the children about reading, writing and the stories in his books. There was a big quiz on current affairs, sport, history and celebrities. Students who answered correctly got to take part in the penalty shoot-out; Mrs Chinn & Mr Peach were our goalies! Josh Matthews was the eventual winner of the shoot out, and presented with a winner's trophy. The library was then packed for book-signing. Students were thrilled to meet and talk to an author of a book that some of our Y7s chose for their free book this year. All of Tom's books are available in our school library and are borrowed constantly by our young readers. Library lessons this week and next are focussed on Tom's stories and we're using his tips for writing our short stories for BBC 500 Words.

Time for football updates from our BHS squads. Firstly, at the end of last week our Y9s played St Bedes. Wyatt Murphy regained his place in goal, Bleran Thaqi upfront and DJ Coles in midfield. These inclusions, along with the remaining players, made a huge difference this week. Blaise started well with DJ going close. We made the breakthrough mid-way through the first half with Bleran taking a good touch from Owen Warbutton's cross and finishing clinically. We started the second half in the same manner but were undone by a breakaway goal after 5 minutes. Blaise regained their composure and went again. Chances came and went and we nearly nicked the win in the last minute; only for Tom Harries to be denied in a one-on-one. Overall, it was a very good performance from all. Man, of the match goes to Thomas Wilson – once again, a rock at the back.

Y7s and 11s also played this week. The Y11s playing Bristol Free School. This was a very close match with BHS unfortunately losing 5-4. They also played St Bedes losing 4-0. The Y7s played their first games as a team, playing against Bristol Free School and St Bedes. In both games they were 3-0 down at half time but played much better as the games went on. Well done to the team for playing their first two matches and better luck next time. Bristol Free School winning 4-0 and St Bedes winning 4-0.

Here is a picture of our Y9 squad looking professional in their green Blaise Football Strip:



Our values of Ambition, Inclusion and Collaboration ensure students are equipped with a Growth Mind-Set and can meet our mission of Social Justice.



For Fun Friday last week, students were putting their paper folding skills to the test and creating some wonderful origami animals and Star Wars characters. Some students were so determined to master the creations that they even took some paper and instructions home to complete in their own time.

On Tuesday, Mr Wallis and Miss Humphreys took a group of Y10 students to the GCSE Science Live event in Bath. Students heard lectures from leading scientists in their fields Professor Robert Winston, Professor Alice Roberts, Professor Dave Cliff, Dr Helen Czerski and Dr Simon Singh, many of whom are also award-winning broadcasters. It was an amazing opportunity for students with a strong passion for science to hear about the ground-breaking research these individuals have been completing and seeing that science is all around us and there is so much more to discover. Perhaps one of our students will be helming a BBC science documentary in years to come.

This week our Key Stage 3 PIP students also went on trips. The group went together to Bristol Zoo as part of their topic Scheme of Learning on Living Organisms and Animal Classifications. The students took part in a rainforest session all about the habitat and the animals that live there. They also had the opportunity to hold cockroaches, millipedes and a snake! Also this week, we took a small group of students on the first of their watersport trips. The watersport trips are focussed on two aims. One to help improve co-ordination and skill and secondly to help develop social and team work skills. Much of the activity involves true teamwork, particularly this week when they had to paddle together in a team kayak. The water sports activities are delivered by a company called All Aboard Watersports on Spike Island. They specialise in inclusivity. This means that all students in our PIP including those with high levels of physical need can take part. This is absolutely essential for us at Blaise High School and we want to thank All Aboard Watersports for the work they do on promoting our core value of inclusion. <https://www.allaboardwatersports.co.uk/>

Finally, it has been a busy week for some of our Y11 vocational students. Both Sport and Health & Social Care BTEC courses had their public exams this week. A big thank you to the teachers in those subjects, for their commitment to the warm up and booster programmes we ran. These helped to ensure students had the best possible chance of success. The students were truly ready for their paper having used excellent revision and deliberate practice to ensure they were prepared. A big well done to all those students who put in the extra effort it takes to make their ambition a reality. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for results and the celebration that can come from them!

Yours faithfully



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