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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been busy week for the students as we approach the half term holidays. Here are some of the things that we have accomplished.

This week; on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, we had the production of 'We Will Rock You'. What a brilliant performance from the students as well as the staff who have all worked very hard to pull off such a fantastic show.

A massive congratulations to the Y11 football team who beat our local rivals Oasis Brightstowe 2-1. Goals from Noah Blundell and Malick Bojang rounded off a convincing performance. Man, of the Match went to Damarcus Tippins who kept a steady back line in shape. The Y9 team didn't fare so well; going down 3-0 to Oasis. This game rounds off the fixture programme for this year. Thank you to all that have represented Blaise.

What a week we've had in the library! We had a lovely visit by author Kate Mallinder. All students in Y7/8/9 who read her debut novel, *Summer of No Regrets*, were invited to meet with her in an informal setting to learn how a book starts, with ideas to being a finished, published product. We were especially privileged to be the only people, ANYWHERE, to be shown the new cover for her forth-coming 2nd book, *Asking for a Friend*, set in Weston-Super-Mare.

Following Kate's visit we then took a trip to J3 Library in Easton, to participate in the 2nd annual Bristol Teen Book Award. It was amazing! Y9 students had voted on their favourite title from the shortlist of 6. They got to meet all the authors and take part in workshops, competitions, a Q&A panel, and the award-giving ceremony. Well done to Megan & Amelia, who both won prizes. The overall winner was one that Miss Middleton had shortlisted: **Night of The Party** by Tracey Matthias, a mystery/romance set in post-Brexit England. The event was attended by 16 Bristol secondary schools, local councillors and press. Miss Middleton, founder of the event, is very pleased that it looks set to grow over the coming years with more schools already asking to take part next year. You can see photos of the event on Twitter @BlaiseHighLRC and @BristolTeenBook.

Well done to the following students who have impressed Miss Middleton this term, with their efforts to improve their reading skills – keep it up!

Y7: Ruby Derham, Lacey Govier, Kieran Harkin, Chloe Horsman, Sinead Stephens, Mohammed Abdulmajed, Kyle Ford, Tomas Guidorizzi, Layla Dawes

Y8: Braydon Pepper, Matthew Lopez, Rhianna Everest, Harvey Rutter, Jessica Clark, Meran Ali

Y9: Leo Rawlings, Callum Ford, Jashandeep Kaur

Our KS3 English classes have been busy typing up their short stories for entry into the BBC 500 Words competition. Miss Middleton will be judging for the BBC, plus our own Blaise High competition!

Dozens of book-swaps have been made for Tutor Time Reading (ask your child what they're currently reading during tutor time). We've issued over 1,000 books from the library & read over 35 million words this term. Amazing achievements by all our readers.

Work Experience - Well done to Y10 students who have sorted out their work placements and got their paperwork sorted. Please can you make every effort to support your young person with this exciting opportunity.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be moving towards paper free correspondence. If you have changed your email address, not yet given it to the school or logged into your ParentPay account. Please can you do so. Correspondence and newsletters are always available on our school website www.blaisehighschool.co.uk.

This week was the celebration assembly to win an iPad. Students with no lates, no IR referrals and no missed homework are given a raffle ticket every week. There is a draw every Tuesday to win chocolate, and the final draw in a special assembly to win an iPad. Congratulations to the winners Ewan Davies Y7, Callum Healy Y8, Emily Hallett Y9 and Detroy Van- Wely Y10.

Congratulations to Jack Sowersby, Y8 who competed at the Wako World Kickboxing Cup in Athens at the beginning of February. Jack won four golds, two in point fighting and two in light contact. Well done Jack, we are all very proud of you!



Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful February half term break. Staff and students have worked exceptionally hard this half term and deserve it as a result. Enjoy, be safe and I look forward to seeing the students return to school on Monday 24th February on a week 2.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Brown', written over a light blue grid background.

Ms K Brown
Headteacher