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Dear Blaise families,

At Blaise High School we recognise that qualifications and results will open doors for our children to access the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. However, we also understand that in order for our children to make the most of these opportunities they must develop the strength of character required to take on the obstacles that will face them on their climb up their mountain.

At Blaise we care deeply about children's characters and work hard to develop them. One way in which we develop children's character is through our Enrichment Programme which includes a wide range of activities that children can get involved in, both academic and non-academic, to develop attributes that will make them successful in their futures and solidify hobbies for life.

It was fantastic to see the number of children signing up to activities at the enrichment Fayre at the beginning of this term and even better to see them attending their first Enrichment sessions.

Our full enrichment timetable can be found <u>here</u>.

The students have been able to get involved in:

- Sports matches
- Learning an instrument
- Creating artwork
- Honing their board game skills
- Learning about caring for animals
- The Young Enterprise programme which empowers young people to harness their personal and business skills
- Designing a space lander in STEM club and testing this out by seeing if it protects an egg when dropped from a height
- Our Year 11s will have the opportunity to get involved with debating and meet our local Labour MP Darren Jones who will be holding a "Speak like you own the room!" sessions





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In the photos above you can see the eager year 8 team just before their netball match against St Bernadettes and one of our students learning how to test the water quality for the pet axolotls in the science department.

We are striving for every child to take part in an enrichment activity this term. Please discuss with, and encourage your child to attend our program of activities. These activities not only develop strength of character but are a fantastic way to make new friends and offer students something valuable to add to their future application forms or CV's.

If you have any questions about our Enrichment Programme then please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <u>woodlandj@blaisehighschool.co.uk</u>

Yours faithfully,,

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