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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy Friday everyone as the end of another busy week draws in. This week we have updates from the library, some once in a lifetime opportunities and updates on Y10 work experience.

First to the amazing opportunity for some of our students to watch Greta Thunberg speak in Bristol last Friday. Mrs Murray and 8 students from Year 8 and 9 attended the Youth Strike for Climate event on College Green. Students were selected as those that had a keen interest in the environment and want to be active on a school level in the future. We caught the bus down into a town and walked down Park Street towards the oncoming crowds. The atmosphere was electric, full of friendly faces and felt very well organised. We stood on College Green waiting to hear Greta Thunberg speak. Greta is an awe-inspiring 17-year-old who has taken a stand against the climate crisis and what she classes as 'the beginning of a mass extinction'. Greta has been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, OCD and selective mutism which makes her all the more inspirational to the young people of today. Our students waited in the drizzle for her to speak with grit and determination. We listened to the other Youth Strike speakers and enjoyed reading all of the witty and clever climate change banners and signs that people had written. 'Donald Trump' wandering around the crowds was a particular highlight!

Greta's speech albeit short was superb and the crowd responded with love and positivity for her cause. On our bus journey home, we reflected on the experience and tried to think of ways we could 'be more like Greta'. Some responses included 'riding my bike to school more' and 'not buying as many new clothes'. All of the students who attended were pleased to have been at this historic occasion. The 8 students were an absolute credit to Blaise High and returned to school at lunchtime buzzing with the experience despite the cold, damp weather. The students were Lily Mitchell, Rhiana Vale Guerreiro, Callum Healy, Jakub Drzwiecki, Aaron Karim, Ryleigh Barnes, Milly Whatley Sarkozi and Isabel Sacmarian. Some pictures to show their day are below:



An update from Mrs Brightly about Year 10 Work Experience. First of all, a big thank you to all the Y10 students who have got their work experience placements organised. There are some really exciting placements with Rolls Royce, the NHS, Bristol University in a range of departments, charity work, retail and catering in the fabulous Berwick Lodge Hotel. We are now in a position to complete Health and Safety checks ourselves if necessary, so any Y10 student not placed still has time to arrange a placement. Please speak to Mrs Brightley for any support.

It's an important week for the library as this week we have been celebrating World Book Day. To celebrate we have had free book giveaways, book token swaps, book trailers, quizzes, drawing activities, Guess Who and Guess The Book in the Jar competitions. We are also in the process of reading all the entries to the Blaise High 500 Words competition. So far, the stories are of a fantastically high standard. The language used in the storytelling is very impressive. Who will be our winners?

*Next some library prize winners to celebrate:*

- Our latest **Golden Ticket** winners (*pick up your Willy Wonka chocolate from the library!*):  
**Year 7:** Oma Saho, Peter Pressburger, Finley Malcolm, Alexandros P, Evie Tucker, Mo Abdulmajed  
**Year 8:** Braydon Pepper, Haddy Bouye, Courtney Farley, Kaci James-Davies, Ryan K-D
- Congratulations to our **top readers** of Term 3:  
**Year 7:** Finley Malcolm, Reece Wilson, Anna Napoleonova, Siham Dahir, Cameron Norris, Eleanor Skuse, Carrie-Anne Dalton, Chloe Leaver, Leoni Bragg, Omar Saho, Corey Francis, Alexandros Polena.  
**Year 8:** Thomas Saunders, Isabelle Allsop, Matthew Lopez, Stephen Thomas, Alan Davies, Jack Sowersby, Courtney Farley, Benjamin Stacey, Scarlett Ritchie, Haddy Bouye, Kerrie Cole.

Something else to celebrate is the end of week one of our Y11 mock exams. Ms Shelton, Mr Bird and I have been so impressed with the standard, effort and mind-set the Y11 students have shown so far. Attendance has been excellent throughout the week and students have been on time and even early so they can do as much as they can to warm up before exams with their teachers and attend breakfast revision clubs. Exams are incredibly stressful and yet students have conducted themselves with such professionalism and really pulled together to put their best foot forward. Well done Y11!

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh students. This week Mr Wallis was proud to present two students with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award certificates and badges. Erin Martin and Tiara Brown (both Y10) were presented their awards in assembly yesterday.

Congratulations to both girls and we wish them every luck as they move onto their silver award. If any other students would like to get involved in the programme or any aspect of outdoor education including Ten Tors and Orienteering please see Mr Wallis.

Yours faithfully



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