



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

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Highlights

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year. It has been a privilege to welcome 180 new Year 7 students into the mainstream and 10 new students into our Resource Base. All of our students, bar none, have made a brilliant start to their secondary education. Already, they are kind, polite, sociable and confident. We have even seen Year 7s speaking in assembly and in whole year group PSHE lessons despite only being here for one full week! Year 7's attendance has been the highest it has ever been, and we had one day last week in which their attendance was 99%. Incidentally, the school's attendance this week was the highest it has ever been. I am really grateful to all of the parents' support with this and it really will make a difference to your children's education. I would also like to thank parents for their feedback on our approach to attendance and our letters. I met with some parents last week who provided some very useful feedback that will help us to improve, together. As per my previous letter, if attendance is a challenge, we understand want to work with you. Please do speak to us so we can best support you and your child to attend school regularly.

It was lovely to see over 100 families at our Year 7 base camp graduation and celebration BBQ. It is really important to us that families feel a part of our school and that we work together to secure the very best education for your children, in which they can all climb their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. We loved seeing so many children celebrate their successes and we are really proud of all of them. It was also really useful to speak directly to parents and get feedback about what they have found helpful through the transition programme and what can be improved next time. I know that Mrs Chinn, and all of the staff here, are really proud of the start Year 7 have made, and we can't wait to see more families at the Year 7 Academic Review Day in November.

Thank you so much for your support at the start of this year. I can't wait to see you all at various events through the year, and well done to all the children on a brilliant start.



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Student Voice. You Said, We Did

You said:	We did:
Can we make our toilets a place we can all take pride in?	We said yes, KS3 student leaders will promote student led care of our communal spaces and offer students a route to report anything that needs updating.
Can we do more in school to prepare for post-16 applications and interviews?	We said, yes, every child will now complete a Character booklet in their time at Blaise High School. This booklet keeps a log of activities they have been involved in through their school career and reflections on how these have developed their character. What a fantastic tool to use in post 16 applications and interviews!

Events

20 - 22 September: Duke of Edinburgh silver expedition

26 September: Open Evening for current Y5/Y6 students and families

2 - 4 October: Year 6 Open mornings

Find out more regarding upcoming events on our [website](#)

Here are a few pictures from events in our last week of the Summer term:



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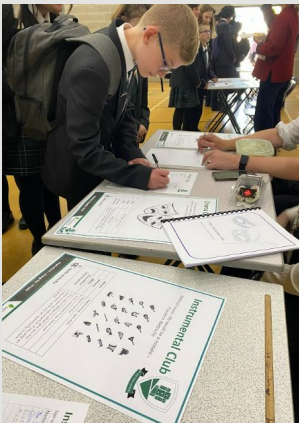
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Fun Friday

Friday 20th September: Marco Polo - can you catch them blindfolded?!

Friday 27th September: Stand Up Comedy - What's the best joke you can come up with?

Last week for Fun Friday students took part in the enrichment fayre!



Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Amani I	372
8	Anastasiia H	132
9	Nethum M	134
10	Harry M	116
11	Sam D	119
Post 16	Taylor P	86

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Resource Base Update

This term saw the return of all of our Resource Base students, plus the start of their time at Blaise High School for our new Year 7 and Year 12 students. We were able to start the year with them by celebrating how well our Resource Base students achieved in their exams over the summer. Our students in Year 11 and Year 13 who left, all made a move to college or transitioned into our Post 16 provision. A summary of what they achieved is below:

Our Year 11 students achieved:

- GCSE Art
- IGCSE English

Entry Level in

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Geography
- History
- IT
- Home Cooking
- Life and Living Skills

Our Post 16 students achieved:

Functional English

Functional Maths

Independent Living

Blaise Post 16	City of Bristol College	SGS
 	 	
	 	
	Catering College Teal	

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Fixtures - Boys

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
8	25/09	Rugby v St Bernadettes	Home	Yes
9	1/10	Rugby v Cotham	Home	Yes
8	2/10	Rugby v Ashton Park and OADR	Away (Ashton Park)	Yes
7	3/10	Rugby v Cotham	Home	Yes
10	7/10	OAB	Home	Yes

Fixtures - Girls

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
9&10	23/09	Netball v OAB	Away	Yes
7&8	24/09	Netball v Cotham	Home	Yes
9&10	26/09	Netball v Cotham	Home	Yes
7&8	30/09	Netball v OAB	Home	Yes
9&10	02/10	Netball v Montpellier	Home	Yes
7&9&10	10/10	Netball v St Bedes	Home	Yes

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Mountain Rescue Update

Over the summer, Mountain Rescue offered several Bridge Days.

What are Bridge Days? They provide some of our students the opportunity to come into school during the holidays and take part in activities that help them stay connected to our school community. These sessions are designed to support students by keeping them in touch with key staff and maintaining a sense of familiarity with the school, making the transition back in September feel less daunting.

It's also a fantastic chance for us to catch up with our students, hear about their summer adventures, and enjoy an ice cream together outside of the usual school routine. As we continue to develop this provision, please let us know if you think your child would benefit from this kind of support in the future by emailing

bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk

I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the uniform swap shop with donations. As we head into the colder months, we now have a good stock of warm winter coats. If your child is in need of a coat, please get in touch and we will do our best to help. You can contact us at bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk

Feedback

We welcome feedback at any point, please do use this [form](#) to offer feedback on any part of the school.

We will always meet any parent that would like to meet. If you would like to meet with a member of the senior team to discuss concerns or any feedback, please email bristowj@blaisehighschool.co.uk

Please find a video summary of this newsletter [here](#)



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