



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

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Highlights

We are excited to share the highlights from our recent open evening, where we welcomed over 200 families to Blaise High School! It was a fantastic opportunity for prospective Year 5 and 6 students and their families to explore our vibrant school community.

Our student leaders truly shone during this event, proudly guiding families through our amazing facilities. Their enthusiasm and warmth made a lasting impression, showcasing the spirit and values of Blaise High. As they supported various departments, our students not only served as informative guides but also as inspiring role models, embodying the very essence of our school.

We also had brilliant talks from our Head Students—Dimitar, Dexter, and Ramatouille—who were joined by two of our new Year 7 students, Lexi and Peter. They spoke eloquently about their experiences at Blaise High School, highlighting the diverse career and enrichment opportunities available. A huge well done to them all for their outstanding presentations!

The evening was filled with engaging activities, including a fun golden ticket hunt that encouraged families to explore every corner of our school and engage in conversations with students and staff in all departments. Additionally, visitors were treated to delicious samples from our canteen, showcasing the wonderful culinary offerings available to our students.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the evening a success. We are proud of our student leaders for their exemplary conduct and dedication, which truly reflects the pride we have in our school community.



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Student Voice. You Said, We Did

You said:	We did:
We need more fun board games!	Students were surveyed in the summer term for what additional games they would like at lunchtime. The results were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pup 4 go- Rapid Rumble- Guess in 10 Last week our student leaders announced these new games in assembly and they are now free to access for all students in the atrium and the main hall.

Events

Year 7 and all Resource Base Academic Review Day (ARD)

On 7 November 2024, we are holding an Academic Review event for parents of students in Year 7 and all Resource Base students. There will be events for other year groups later in the year as outlined in the letter sent to you in September. The aim of this is to give parents and pupils the opportunity to understand the academic performance of our students.

The event is on Thursday 7 November from 14.30 – 18.00. **On that day, school will close to all students at 13.25.** Those entitled to Free School Meals should take them during morning break.

Parents of Y7 and Resource Base students are welcome to come in at any time and for any duration within these times. Please feel free to talk to as many teachers as you feel suitable; this event is designed to fit the needs of you and your child. Your child is encouraged to accompany you.

The format of the event is that you will go to staff in the order of your choice, without making appointments. Teachers will discuss how your child has started academically in each subject. Usually, the first hour of these events is the most busy so you may want to come later in the event to avoid queues. We advise arriving no later than 17.00 if you wish to speak with a range of teachers.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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

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Black History Month

October is, of course, Black History Month. This is a time in which we right a wrong. For a long time, history books, school curriculums and television programmes ignored the experiences of Black people. Recognising Black History Month is about recognising the voices and experiences of so many who have been silenced for too long.



At Blaise High School, we recognise the importance of Black History Month and understand why it was introduced. However our history curriculum goes beyond Black History Month by ensuring that students do not just learn about Black history in October but instead throughout the entire year. Our curriculum studies the long relationship between Black people and the British Isles. We also go further than just studying a list of heroes and instead we appreciate that people in the past - whatever their ethnicity - were often complicated and did both good and bad.

To encourage students to expand their knowledge in October, we are giving each student the chance to complete an independent research project. These '**meanwhile, elsewhere...**' documents are designed to help students research a significant portion of Black History, be it an entire civilisation or just one individual. We have already received some fantastic submissions and scanned copies of excellent student work are being shown across the school on our plasma screens.

Furthermore, **18th October** will see the students engaging in a Black History Month themed quiz during Fun Friday lunchtime. This is their chance to work together to answer questions from our taught curriculum. With questions about Year 7-9 content and beyond, students will work in teams to pool their wide-ranging knowledge in order to succeed.

See below for a summary of the Black History Month events happening at Blaise:



Black History Month



Activity:	Who?	Where and when?
Assembly	All students	During TTRP
Meanwhile, Elsewhere Character Activity	All students	All details to follow from your History teacher. <i>Green points up for grabs from your History teacher, excellent example will be shown on the plasma screens!!!</i>
Documentary Viewings: Empire and Me – Ghana Betty Campbell - Statue for a heroine	All students	TBC
Look out for displays	All students	Humanities corridor
Your History lessons	All students	History lessons
Fun Friday Activities	All students	Friday 18th October

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Fun Friday

Friday 11th October: Wellness Workshops for Mental Health Week!

Friday 18th October: Black History Month Quiz

Some pictures from 'Beat the Goalie'!



Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Mia-Loren M	661
8	Imani EF	449
9	Edwin R	547
10	Harry M	330
11	Dom M	417
Post 16	Jess M	198

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Resource Base Update

We have had a great start to the year for our Resource Base students and staff. In addition to the great work being completed in timetabled lessons, we have already had a range of other activities such as horse riding, weekly sessions of 'Wake up shake up', Project Rugby with the Bristol Bears, and a coffee morning for parents which was catered for by our Post 16 students.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have some visits planned. Year 7 are visiting Cadbury World as part of the project on chocolate. Within this topic they study the science of chocolate from growth to production, the ethics of Fair Trade, and the media and artwork of advertisements. Year 9 will be visiting Legoland, and Year 11 will be visiting the Living Rainforest. This visit supports the work they are doing in class towards their Geography qualification.



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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>
7	10/10	Orchard	Away	Yes
10	14/10	Cotham	Home	Yes
7	15/10	OAB	Home	Yes
8	15/10	OAB	Home	Yes
9	17/10	OAB	Away	Yes
8	22/10	Cotham	Home	Yes
7	24/10	BFS	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	10/10	St Bedes	Home	Yes
7	23/10	St Bernadettes	Away	Yes
10	17/10	St Bernadettes	Home	Yes



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Mountain Rescue Update

As the colder, wetter months set in, we want to offer a little extra warmth to our Blaise High School community. We have a selection of winter coats available for students, free of charge, in various sizes and styles.

If your child would like to choose a coat, they can come and see me, Mr Bransfield, at school. Alternatively, if you'd prefer to request one and collect it from the school office, feel free to email me at bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Let's keep cosy this winter!

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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