



# Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 1/2

2

Week # of unit

12

Week # of the year

12

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

## Highlights

We are proud to share some highlights with you from our Remembrance Day commemoration, where we came together as our Blaise community to reflect and remember all those who have served, or are currently serving, in our armed forces and emergency services, and all of those who have lost their lives in war.

In the lead up to the 11th November, our student leaders did a wonderful job selling poppies for students to show their respect in the days before and after the event.

On Monday 11th November, the whole school community gathered together on our Astro for a short reading, a playing of The Last Post and a minute's silence for reflection at 11am. A particular highlight was our two Year 7 students, Peter and Lexi, who stood at the podium and recited the poem, 'For The Fallen' by Laurence Binyon. We are so proud of them for the bravery they showed, speaking in front of the whole school.

Our students were a credit to themselves, their families and our community throughout the event and we are so proud of all of them.

An extract from the poem, 'For The Fallen' by Laurence Binyon

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.*



# Blaise High School

## Student Voice. You Said, We Did

Your Said:	We did:
The toilets are messy after break and lunch	Surveyed students and passed this information onto school caretakers - resulted in further improve cleanliness by toilets being cleaned and checked after break and lunch
	Student monitors are in place, they will check the toilets twice a week and report back to student leaders so school caretakers can be made aware of any issues
	Student leaders created and put up posters to remind students to keep the toilets clean

## Events

### Black History Month reflection

October saw Blaise High School appreciating the importance of Black History Month. Our students understand that our curriculum covers a range of stories from diverse people and cultures throughout the academic year. However, October gave them the chance to explore an aspect of Black History not covered in the standard curriculum. Every student was given a sheet of paper that would prompt them to independently research a topic that was relevant to the time period they were studying in class. Our Year 7s, for example, know lots about the Byzantine Empire in the Medieval Period, but meanwhile elsewhere the Empire of Ancient Ghana ruled in West Africa. Our Year 9s have been learning about how the First World War impacted the suffrage movement, but meanwhile elsewhere the conflict had a profound impact on the life of footballer and pioneer Walter Tull. Students were all, therefore, given the chance to complete a 'meanwhile elsewhere' project focusing on an aspect of Black History.

The work we received from students blew us away. It was of such a high quality and demonstrated excellent independent aspiration and courage to try something new and succeed. The skills these students have practiced will set them up for the rigours of GCSE revision and perhaps even independent historical enquiries they may one day lead in college or university. Students who provided examples of excellence were rewarded with green points and their work was photographed and showcased across the school on our plasma screens. We as a History Department are so proud of the work our students have done.

The Byzantine Empire was vast and powerful...

meanwhile, elsewhere...

The Empire of Ancient Ghana ruled in West Africa

**KEY INFORMATION:** The Empire of Ancient Ghana ruled from around 700 to 1200. The capital city of the Empire of Ancient Ghana was Gao and the its first leader was called Naga Yaka.

Where did the name Ghana come from?

The name comes from the gold mines in Ghana. The gold was used to buy slaves and other goods. The gold was used to buy slaves and other goods. The gold was used to buy slaves and other goods.

Why was the Empire of Ancient Ghana so wealthy?

Because the Empire of Ancient Ghana was in the Sahel region. It was able to control the trade routes between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean. It was able to control the trade routes between the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean.

The King adorns himself like a woman wearing necklaces round his neck and bracelets on his forearms and he puts on a high cap decorated with gold and wrapped in a turban of fine cotton. He holds an audience in a domed pavilion around which stand ten horses covered with gold embroidered materials, and on his right, are the sons of the royal kings of his country, wearing splendid garments and their hair plaited with gold.

At the door of the pavilion are dogs of excellent pedigree. Round their necks they wear collars of gold and silver, studded with a number of balls of the same metal.

What does this source suggest about the King of Ghana?

The source suggests that the King of Ghana was very wealthy and powerful. He wore a high cap decorated with gold and wrapped in a turban of fine cotton. He held an audience in a domed pavilion around which stood ten horses covered with gold embroidered materials.

Campaigners for women's suffrage took on opportunities during the First World War...

meanwhile, elsewhere...

Walter Tull fought and died in battle after changing football history

**KEY INFORMATION:** Walter Tull was one of the first black players in the English game. He played at White Hart Lane for the club Tottenham Hotspur. He was subjected to horrible abuse during his career. He died in the month of August in the year 1912 in the fields of France. He is still remembered today.

Below is a photograph of the Tottenham Hotspur squad of 1911. Tull can be seen in the bottom right of the picture.

Why was Tull put forward for a Military Cross considering his experiences between 1917 and early March 1918?

Tull served in the British Army during the First World War. He was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery and leadership during the Battle of the Somme.

Early Life

When did Tull's father arrive in Britain and where from?

They arrived in Britain from Barbados in 1864.

What happened to Tull's parents when he was a child?

Tull's mother died from breast cancer and his dad from heart disease.

As a result, what happened to Tull and his brother Edward?

They were sent to the orphanage and then to the workhouse. They were sent to the orphanage and then to the workhouse.

Football

Which football clubs did Tull play for?

Clapton Tottenham Hotspur and Tottenham Hotspur.

Describe what happened to Tull when he played against White City in 1909.

He received racial abuse from opposing fans and soon was dropped from the first team.

Remembering Tull today

Tull's name appeared on the War Memorial at North Board School, Bowditch, unveiled on 29 April 1921. A road behind the North Stand at the Dave Bowen Stadium.



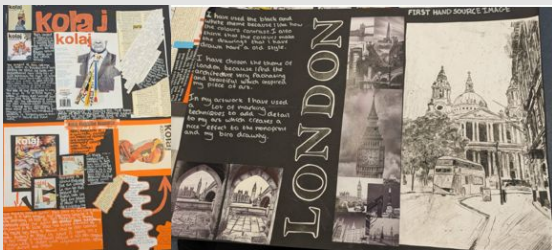
# Blaise High School

## Events

- **Wednesday 20 November** - Resource Base Film Festival
- **Thursday 21 November** - MFL Film Evening
- **Wednesday 27 November** - Post 16 Resource Base Woodhouse Park visit
- **Thursday 28 November** - Y8 Resource Base SS Great Britain visit
- **Wednesday 4 December** - Bristol Bears visit to Blaise
- **Thursday 12 December** - Christmas Concert

Some recent events:

### Art mock exams



### Sports events



### Careers events and Spelling Bee



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

# Blaise High School

## Fun Friday

**Friday 15th November:** Blaise Bingo!

**Friday 22nd November:** Duck Duck Goose



## Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Mia-Loren M	1006
8	Josh JJ	780
9	Nethum M	1052
10	Summer E	698
11	Dom M	577
Post 16	Jess M	349

# Blaise High School

## Resource Base Update

A lot has been happening during the first half term of the year for our Resource Base students. Our Post 16 have continued working in preparation for adulthood by visiting the local Gym and learning to register and use the facilities, completing work experience at the Aztec Hotel, visiting City of Bristol College to start their transition to post 18 education, and they have completed a very enjoyable and educational accessibility trip with GWR trains.



Across a mix of year groups we have been involved in a rugby festival and a sports festival. Year 11 visited the Living Rainforest as part of their Geography course, Year 8 visited Legoland as part of their Topic project, and Year 7 visited Cadbury World as part of their study of sustainability.



# Blaise High School

## Fixtures - Boys

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
8	20/11	Rugby v St Bernadettes	Away	Yes
9	21/11	Rugby v Cotham	Home	Yes
10	27/11	Rugby v Cotham	Home	Yes



## Fixtures - Girls

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
7 & 8	20/11	Netball v BBA	Home	Yes
7 & 8	27/11	Netball v Trinity	Away	Yes
9 & 10	28/11	Netball v RGS	Home	Yes
9 & 10	02/12	Netball v Oasis Brislington	Away	Yes

# Blaise High School

## Year 11 and all Resource Base Academic Review Day (ARD)

On 16 January 2025, we are holding an Academic Review event for parents of students in Year 11 and in our Resource Base. There will be/have been 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 16 January from 13.30 – 18.00**. On that day, school will close to all students at 12.30. Those entitled to Free School Meals should take them during morning break or collect a packed lunch at 12.30.

Parents of Y11 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 is progressing 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.

In addition to the Academic Review, we will also be running a Year 11 Information session for mainstream students regarding upcoming exams. Mr Standing will be writing to parents of Year 11 students with the details of this.

We look forward to welcoming you.



ASPIRATION | INTEGRITY | PRIDE



# Blaise High School

## Mountain Rescue Update

We're pleased to share that our student pantry has just been restocked! Some of our students have generously helped us prepare "top-up" bags filled with tinned goods and essential pantry items. With Christmas approaching and the cost of living still high, please reach out if these supplies would be helpful to you and your family. We also have a selection of winter coats available, and our Uniform Swap Shop is well stocked for anyone needing school uniform items.

If you'd like assistance with any of the above, please contact me at [bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk).

## SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Cerullo and Miss Nutt are holding a SEND coffee morning on Tuesday 10th December from 9.30 - 10.30. This is open to all parents/carers with children in Years 10,11 and Y13 who have SEND needs in either the mainstream school or Resource Base. Both of our SENDCos will be there to answer questions. Refreshments are going to be provided by some of our Resource Base P16 students.

We will be joined by SGS College who will be able to answer questions about the Life Skills, Employability Course that they run at SGS and we have also invited a representative from City of Bristol College who is yet to confirm. We really hope that you can attend. We would be grateful if you can email [cooks@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:cooks@blaisehighschool.co.uk) to let us know if you can attend so we can ensure we have a suitable size space for the numbers.

## 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](mailto:bristowj@blaisehighschool.co.uk)*

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



ASPIRATION | INTEGRITY | PRIDE

