




Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

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Highlights

There have been lots of fantastic things happening at Blaise since our last newsletter, here we'd like to share some of the highlights!

Students have been showing off all things they have learnt so far this Unit through their assessments. The children have acted with real integrity through this period, ensuring that their hard work in lessons and in the lead up to the assessments pays off. Everyday since the start of the assessments they have been using the brilliant revision resources that their teachers created for them to prepare. This has seen students revising at home, on the bus, in the dining room and anywhere else they get the chance!

It's also really important to highlight how extremely hard Year 11 have been working on their mock exams, ready for their GCSEs in May and June. They have sat mock exams in all subjects, including speaking exams in MFL, and whole day sessions in Art and Graphics. It has been incredible to see how seriously all students have taken this and I know teachers are now really excited to offer all students feedback on the work they have completed.

Finally, we've had a very exciting week within the Performing Arts. Students were exceptional in the school's Winter Showcase on Thursday. Huge thanks goes to all teaching staff that supported this but in particular Mr Goodway, Head of Performing and Ms Collings, Head of Drama, for their hard work and preparation for the amazing production. It has been so joyful to see our students take pride in their performances, and bring us all into their festive spirit!



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Student Voice. You Said, We Did

Students have been busy over the past couple of weeks completing their applications for the new student leadership positions!

There are 6 KS3 Character representative roles up for grabs in years 7, 8 and 9 for this unit and 3 Head Student, 3 Deputy Student, 4 Prefect and 9 Heads and Deputy Heads of House up for grabs for Year 10.

Selections have now been made and we are excited to announce them in assemblies next week!

Events

16th December - Rewards Week starts

18th December - Christmas Dinner

20th December - Break up for Christmas. Students finish at the normal time.

6th January - INSET. No students in school

7th January - INSET. No students in school.

16th January - Y11 ARD and information evening

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



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Fun Friday

Friday 13th December: Enrichment Fayre and Christmas Charades

Friday 20th December: Christmas karaoke!!



Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Mia-Loren M	1311
8	Josh JJ	1036
9	Nethum M	1337
10	Summer E	897
11	Aisha A	731
Post 16	Max P	457

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Resource Base Update

Over recent weeks there have been a number of great activities and initiatives within the Resource Base. At Key Stage 3 we have collaborated with another Resource Base, Warmley Park, to complete joint sessions with the Bristol Bears. We will be working with Warmley Park again later in the year for a Table Cricket competition. It has been a lovely experience for our students to develop their team work skills and form some new friendships.

Our Post 16 students have been completing their accessibility training. This involves planning and then completing trips using public transport. The most recent of these sessions was a trip to Bath by train.



Our Post 16 have also been working on teamwork and team building skills. This took the students out of their comfort zones and made them work jointly to solve problems and achieve success. It was no surprise to us how well they did at this as they are such a great group of students.



As a whole group, all of our Resource Base students attended a recent Film Festival. For some, this was their first visit to a cinema and it has demonstrated to them that they have the ability to increase their independence as they become more confident with what they can do and achieve.



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Fixtures

We have had an absolutely amazing first unit of sport here at Blaise. Both the boys and girls fixtures have included a multitude of wins against schools such as Oasis Brislington, Bristol Brunel Academy, Ashton Park School and St Bernadettes. We have been blown away by our students commitment and dedication to training, which has allowed them to be aspirational when competing against other schools. This has transpired into pride at the winning fixtures. We can't wait to see what the Football season brings next unit!



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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

Academic Review Day

On 16 January 2025, we are holding an Academic Review event for parents of students in Year 11. 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 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.

In addition to the Academic Review, we will also be running a Year 11 Information session regarding upcoming exams. This will run from 14:00 - 14:30 to hopefully enable you to attend both. We understand that some of you who come to the event earlier in the day or later during the day may miss the information event and we will ensure that a recording of this is added to the website and that all materials are issued to all Y11 students.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Notice

Please can parents refrain from parking in the designated parking spaces in the flats opposite the school, or on the double yellow lines. It limits access for residents and has a negative effect on their quality of life.

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

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