



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 1/2

2

Week # of unit

3

Week # of the year

30

Highlights

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



Our amazing Young Enterprise Team

On Thursday 24th April our Young Enterprise team attended the Bristol Area Showcase Final. At the event the students, all year 9 and the youngest team in the programme, presented their business "4ever Jewellery" for the final time. The team were interviewed by two sets of judges at their trade stall where they answered questions on their journey throughout the programme which they began back in September. The team then delivered a presentation on their business in front of a set of industry professionals as well as the members of the other 8 teams in attendance which they did with a lot of confidence and knowledge, a testament to the passion and efforts they have all shown across this academic year to build their business from scratch. The team were presented with the award for Best Teamwork amongst all the teams in the Bristol area, a fantastic recognition of how well they have worked together through the whole process.



50 year 11 students, in school over half-term for a walking-talking Maths paper



An example of the GCSE Art work that Y11 students have produced



Blaise High School

Student Voice. You Said, We Did

You said:	We did:
We cannot see any daily messages if we eat our food in the dining room?	Students can now view all messages on our brand new 100inch smart TV in the dining room
Can thought of the day also be in the dining room so more people can take part?	Thought of the day now happens in the dining room each lunchtime and is supported by our student leaders
Our attendance counts stamp cards sometimes get lost, can we have them in our knowledge organiser?	Stamps are now printed into the pages of the knowledge organiser so students have everything in one place

Student leaders reporter article

Our phenomenal EDI (equality, diversity and inclusion) team have been working hard on developing our Blaise pledge. We are a group of students who want Blaise to be a place which sees and celebrates you for YOU. We agreed everyone needs to feel like they can be themselves here. So, after lots of thinking, we wrote five rules about how we treat each other in this school. We called it our **Equality and Diversity Pledge**. It is a **promise** from us to you that you will be treated fairly; that your voice is important; and your wellbeing is everyone's priority. And, if you want to be part of our community, it is also a promise from you to us that you will do the same for everyone else in the building. All students and families will be given an opportunity to sign the pledge soon.



Events

- May 6 - Resource Base Inclusive Cycling
- May 9 - 11 - Ten Tors on Dartmoor
- May 13 - Y9 MenDip vaccinations
- May 14 - Y9 visit to Oxford University
- May 16 - Bronze DofE training
- May 16 - Y7 Resource Base cricket festival
- May 21 - Year 9 Open Line Up
- May 23 - Resource Base trips to Weston-Super-Mare and to Bristol Aquarium
- May 26 - Half term

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

ASPIRATION | INTEGRITY | PRIDE



Blaise High School

Fun Friday

FUN FRIDAY

Periodic table challenge

Periodic Table of the Elements

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10/RB	Winners
Mon G3	Tues G3	Weds G3	Thurs G3	Friday G3

Aspiration - Integrity - Pride

House Points:

Next House Event: **BLAISE SCIENCE CHALLENGE!**
 Date: Friday 19th May
 Location: Mound

Latest Winners:

Y7 - Cortana Farnan-Beck, Ayo Ojumu, Daniel Perryman
 Y8 - Uzair Ali
 Y9 - Tia Paul, Darren Tchouteng, Alice Dawes

Everest - 958 110
Kilimanjaro - 870 490
Elbrus - 1 023 116

Aspiration - Integrity - Pride

Thought of the day quotes from students

If you went to university and moved away from home, what one item would you take and why?

Dilwin .D. - Year 8 - "I would take my ring as it is special. My parents bought it for me. This is so I can remember them during hard times".

Talk about a time you helped someone else achieve one of their goals.

Andrea - Year 8 - "My friend wasn't confident in her exams and I encouraged her and she passed her exams".

Name someone from your year group that inspires you. What specific qualities did they have that you like to emulate?

Lucy - Year 10 - "My friend is hard working in everything and always on time at school which inspires me to do the same as I want to have those qualities".

Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date			Unit 3 (so far)	
Year Group	Student	Points Total	Student	Points Total
7	Ayomikun Ojumu	3389	Leon Alex Bijoy	118
8	Jayden Watts	3485	Bella Fordham	100
9	Nethum Madawala	2388	Elias Vasile Cornea	181
10	Summer Excell	2108	Daren Howell	82
11	Brianna Mead	1486	Elissa Biju	80
Post 16	Max Patterson	996	Jessica McLintock	45

Blaise High School

Resource Base Update

Since our last newsletter, our Resource Base students have been involved in so many activities to support their ever stronger levels of resilience and character. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements

National rowing awards

Students from all year groups took part in the National indoor rowing championships. An incredible number of students received medals for being in the top three nationally for their age group, but a special mention goes to Liam Cassidy who became the National Champion!



Year 10 Big Pit

As part of their History curriculum our Year 10 students visited the Big Pit in south Wales to experience what life was like working in a coal mine. They have been following this up in lessons and this will contribute to their final exam grade.



Year 8 Bristol Zoo Project

As part of the Year 8 curriculum on conservation, we visited the Bristol Zoo Project. This visit complemented the work the students have been doing in class on the importance of biodiversity.



Blaise High School

Fixtures - Boys

The boys cricket fixtures are running slightly differently this year. Both the junior and senior teams are entered into a knockout cup competition where it is highly dependent on the previous match to know who and when we will be playing next. As soon as matches are set up teachers will let the students know at training which will happen weekly. We wish the teams the best of luck in the competitions!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>
Senior (9 and 10s)	TBC	Cathedral
Junior (7 and 8s)	TBC	Oasis Brightstowe OR Orchard School

Fixtures - Girls

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
All Years	14/5/25	St Bedes	Home	Yes
8, 9	19/5/25	Bristol Free School	Home	Yes
7, 10	21/5/25	Bristol Free School	Away	No

Enrichment Timetable Unit 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LGBTQ+ Space (Years 7-11) Lunchtime in B22 with Miss Schnieden	School Production - CAST (Years 7-11) 3.05-4.00pm in Y02 with Miss Collings, Mr Goodway and Miss Morris	Languages and Culture Club ▼ (Years 7-11) Lunchtime in R29 with MFL teachers	Mindfulness & Meditation (Years 7-11) Lunchtime in Dance Studio or R07 with Mr Mazas
School Production - CAST (Years 7-11) 3.05-4.00pm in Y02 with Miss Collings, Mr Goodway and Miss Morris	Young Enterprise (selected Year 9) 3.05-4.00pm in G5 with Mr Wallis	EAL Conversation (Years 7-11) Lunchtime with Ms Borlaise, Ms Kidd and Mr Martin	Debate Club (Years 7-11) Lunchtime in R28 with Ms Curtis
		Rounders (Years 7-10) 3.05-4.00pm on School Field with Ms Major	EAL Conversation (Years 7-11) Lunchtime with Ms Borlaise, Ms Kidd and Mr Martin
		Junior Cricket (Years 7-8) 3.05-4.00pm on Astro or School Field with Mr Prettyjohn	Book Club (Years 7-9) Lunchtime - Week 1 - in Base Camp
		Senior Cricket (Years 9-10) 3.05-4.00pm on Astro with Mr Peach and Mr Carraway	Chess/Board games (Year 7-11) 3.05-4.00pm in Rr07 with Mr Mazas
		School Production - BACK STAGE (Years 7-11) 3.05-4.00pm in Drama Studio with Mr Goodway	KS3 Art Club 3.05-4.00pm in R23 with Mrs Adams

Blaise High School

Mountain Rescue Update

Over the Easter break, our Year 11 cohort were invited into school for a Positive Welfare Day. We recognise that this can be a particularly stressful time for our Year 11s, so we offered them a fun and uplifting day designed to bring them together, celebrate their hard work, and provide some well-deserved light-hearted enjoyment.

The day included quizzes (with wooden spoons as prizes!), mindfulness activities, an Easter egg hunt, and, of course, pizza – all organised and led by the wonderful team of Mrs Chinn, Mrs Williams and Mr Leese.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11s for embracing the opportunity to relax and support one another before the busy exam season begins.

In addition, we welcomed a group of students into school during the holidays to take part in a range of creative activities, including cooking and art. Our holiday check-in days are designed to offer continuity and emotional support during the break, as well as help ease the transition back into school, making the return feel less daunting.

Finally, a reminder that our Student Pantry is open to support you and your families. If you would benefit from any extra supplies, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at bransfieldj@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Smartphone Free Childhood

There is growing evidence of the damage that smartphones do to the wellbeing and mental health of our children. We believe this at Blaise which is why we ban phones during the school day. There is also increasing evidence that this is not quite enough, and just having a phone on your person, as a child, can be such a distraction that it makes learning very difficult. As with all of our policies we will keep this under review and if we need to do more then we will.

I am sure that many of you will have watched 'Swiped' and 'Adolescence' both of which demonstrate the dangers of phones and social media for our children.

There is a growing movement of parents who are committing to providing a smartphone free childhood in Bristol. This group is called 'Papaya Parents' and they have an event on the 20th May between 19:00 and 21:00 at Redland Green School. Please do go if you are interested in hearing more about the potential damage caused by phones on young people. Details can be found here: www.papayaparents.com

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