



Blaise High School: Fortnightly Newsletter

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Highlights - Open evening and Year 11 information evening

On Tuesday 23rd September, it was a pleasure to welcome over 100 families from the local community for our **Open Evening** event. These families wanted to see our school with a view towards their child being educated here for the next 5 years, and we could not have been prouder of the way in which our current students managed the event - from touring guests, to helping out in subject areas, to speaking in front of hundreds of people in the main hall about life at Blaise. We had over 65 current students give up their evening to stay and help out, and the quality of their contribution blew us (and the visitors) away. Feedback noted how articulate students were, how passionate they were about their education at Blaise, and how skilled they were at engaging visitors in conversation.

As well as being marked by younger students who may want to join the school, the recent weeks have also stood out due to the efforts of our oldest children. Our Year 11 cohort continue to develop at a brilliant pace, stepping up to new challenges around subject homework and upcoming mock exams. On Wednesday 8th October, the attendance and engagement at **Year 11 information evening** was notable, and evidence of the growing culture of success within this year group. Students listened intently to 6 incredible staff, as they talked about the right revision habits, and the specific steps to success in the three core subjects. A brilliant evening, and a brilliant set of Mock exams to come in November!



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student Leadership and Student Voice

Student leadership: This week our Year 11 student leadership team have been delivering assemblies on how, and why, to become a Key Stage 3 Character Representative or a Head student, Head of House or Prefect! Our students have been inspiring, parting with their wisdom and ensuring all year groups have the necessary information about the benefits of joining the Blaise leadership team.

Student voice: Across Friday lunchtimes, students have the opportunity to take part in a student poll, whereby they can vote on different aspects around attendance. The polls have enabled students to have their voice heard about the different rewards and activities they would like to see on a Friday. More polls next Friday!



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

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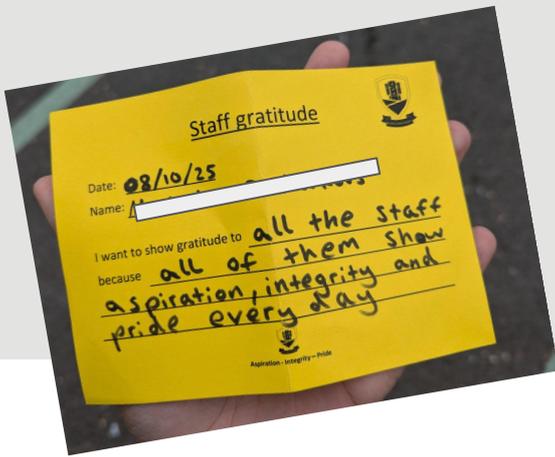


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Fun Friday

Our students completed our Blaise Kindness Wall as part of World Mental Health week! Students during the week and on Fun Friday could take part in many wellbeing activities; coloring, sharing kind messages with staff and students, showing gratitude as well meditation. We are so proud of the kind messages students sent to each other and their teachers.



Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Dilna Miriam Mathew	451
8	Izumi Chan	432
9	Jayden Watts	555
10	Bella Lawrence	392
11	Summer Excell	396
POST 16	Jessica McLintock	206

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Resource Base Update

We have had a very positive first few weeks of term in the Resource Base. Year 7 have settled in extremely well, our Key Stage 4 students are working on their qualifications, Post 16 have started on their first new life skills by organising 'Bungalow Breakfasts', and Year 8 and 9 have continued where they left off; hard work and positivity.

Towards the end of September, we held our first workshop of the year for all of our Resource Base students from Year 7 up to Year 13. This was a 'Wheelchair Workshop' where students practiced skills in wheelchair use and gained a greater awareness of what using a wheelchair can be like.



Coming up we have visits to:

Y7 - Cadbury World

Y8 - Legoland

Y9 - Stonehenge

Post 16 - Visit to Blaise Community Garden

Free School Meals

You can find our more information about free school meals and how to apply on our school [here](#)

Did you know? 🍏 A family with one child can save around **£500 a year** on lunch costs by being registered for Free School Meals. That's a significant saving!

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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	22/10/25	Bristol Free School	Away	
9 and 10	5/11/25	Cotham	Home	

Fixtures - Girls

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
9 and 10	6/11/25	Fairfield School	Away	
7 and 8	13/11/25	Fairfield School	Home	Yes



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Mountain Rescue and Senior Mental Health Lead Update

We want to share with all of our parents that we recognise that parenting is hard! We've found some fantastic resources to help, and we wanted to signpost a few of these for you today.

[Parenting Smart](#), [Place2Be](#) have some fantastic resources, articles and videos that might help you with a particular area you are finding challenging with your teenager right now!

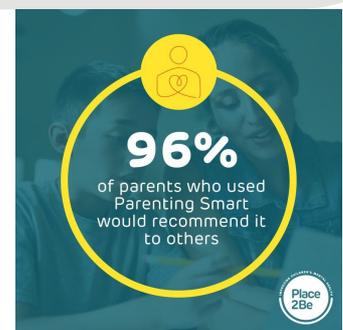
We know that gaming habits is a pretty difficult one to navigate, so we thought we'd start with directing you to a 2 minute video to watch [here](#). It provides some really helpful information around setting parental controls, finding a healthy balance, and agreeing boundaries. We hope you find it useful.

We also wanted to share that North Bristol Family Hubs are expanding. They now also incorporate more support for 11-16 year olds, and 16 and over, and is a fantastic resource for parents. You can access Bristol Family Hubs through this link [here](#).

If there is a bit too much information, we've hand selected one item you might find useful and interesting for this newsletter, which is a bitesize blog on managing school anxiety for parents. We've select one particular link around the ['after school meltdown'](#). We hope it's useful for some of you; there are some fantastic tips around how to build children's emotional resilience and language.

If you feel that you need some support from school around your child feeling worried about coming to school, or some additional support around the routines at home, please feel free to contact the Head of Year directly, or our safeguarding team at safeguarding@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Finally, we wanted to share with you some recent communication we have had from Avon & Somerset Police around keeping children safe in the local community. Please be mindful of the legal age of purchasing fireworks and their safe use. As we move towards the 5th November, more shops have these for sale, and we want to ensure every child and family is kept safe.



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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Year 7 and all Resource Base Academic Review day

On 23 October 2025, we are holding an Academic Review event for parents of students in Year 7. 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.

Details

23 October
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 Y7 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. Children should wear school uniform.

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 16.30 if you wish to speak with a range of teachers.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Parents of children with SEND

We are holding another one of our successful SEND coffee mornings on **Wednesday 12th November from 9.30 -10.30** in school. We will be joined by Bristol Parent Carer and Autism Independence where you can find out more information on what support is available locally for your child. It doesn't matter if your child doesn't have a diagnosis, they are there to support every family in Bristol and are parents themselves so have an awful lot of relevant knowledge. We will also hopefully be joined by members of the School Nursing Team. This is open to all parents/carers of children with SEN both from mainstream and the Resource Base. Please email Sally Cook on cooks@blaisehighschool.co.uk if you can make it so we know numbers for a room size. We look forward to seeing you.