



Blaise High School: Newsletter

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Happy New Year and Welcome Back to Blaise!

Although we have had a fantastic start to Unit 2 I have to use this opportunity to reflect on the end of Unit 1 and, in particular, the Unit 1 rewards events and trips. In total we had 622 students taking part in our Bronze, Silver or Gold events, recognising students who earned a high number of green points throughout the term. Green points are awarded to students who consistently demonstrate our school values of aspiration, integrity and pride, both in and out of the classroom. These reward events were a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, positive attitudes and excellent behaviour of our students, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment they have shown. As ever our inflatables were the most popular reward with a more challenging (and fun!) inflatable obstacle course this time round.

Students have made an excellent start to Unit 2. Settling back into the routines and rhythm of school after the break. They can now achieve a golden ticket in their tutor time in the morning for excellent self-quizzing. An extra opportunity to get those green points and get onto the rewards events at the end of this unit.



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Student Voice. You Said, We Did

You said:	We did:
Can we have fruit at break and lunchtime?	Yes! Fruit baskets now available in the main dining room - stay healthy
Can we have more meals like we did in culture week?	Yes! The next student voice meeting will be with our Head Chef to discuss future meals
Can we set up a student tutoring programme?	Yes! More details coming soon

Student Leadership team



We would like to introduce our new student leadership team.....

We are SO proud of these students. They have been selected after an in depth application process and the impact they have already had this year is fantastic. We are so excited to see the further contribution they will make to our school.



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Fun Friday

 **SIGN UP NOW!** 

TALENT SHOW!

Date: Friday 23rd January
Location: Drama Studio
Year Group: All
Auditions in TTRP (only 30 slots available)

Bring your talents! Show off your skills!
Come and watch your friends!
Cheer them on!



Aspiration - Integrity - Pride 

Remember we have football for all of Years 7, 8 and 9 after school on a Friday now. No need to sign up, just bring your kit and come and play! 5 Green points for anyone who nutmegs Mr Williams!

Winners

The Students with the most green points in the school

Year to Date		
Year Group	Student	Points Total
7	Jhamal N	1391
8	Izumi C & Fatima H	1273
9	Haddy S	1725
10	Ibaad A	1203
11	Danica J	1295
POST 16	Jessica M	610

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Resource Base Update

Since our last newsletter we are delighted to tell you that our Resource Base students raised a huge £180.80 for the North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Foodbank designing, making and selling Christmas present tags.

Also, at the end of the last term, Year 9 and Year 11 visited the Bristol Old Vic to experience what happens behind the scenes in a theatre.



Our Post 16 students visited the Blaise Community Garden, learning life skills and learning about plant care.



Finally, we had great involvement in the last Fun Friday event of the year. Below we can see Emily and Poppy leading the event with Christmas songs.



Free School Meals

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

Did you know? 🤝 You do not have to apply each year - once you have completed the application, the system monitors the application, meaning if there are any changes to your circumstances you do not have to re-apply.

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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>
10	28th January	Oasis Brightstowe	Away	No
7 and 8	29th January	Oasis Brightstowe	Away	No
9	4th February	Oasis Brightstowe	Home	Yes

Fixtures - Girls

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>	<u>Supporters able to watch</u>
U12s and U14s	21st January	Montpellier	Home	Yes
U14s	28th January	Oasis Brightstowe	Away	No
U12s	29th January	Oasis Brightstowe	Home	Yes

We are now into the football season for both the boys and the girls teams, please join us when you can to show support for all those involved!



ASPIRATION | INTEGRITY | PRIDE



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Mountain Rescue and Senior Mental Health Lead Update

We hope you all had a very peaceful Christmas break, and you are all looking forward to the longer days. We have welcomed students back this term, and we have been really pleased to share with them some wellbeing tips, particularly over the cold and dark months.

We shared some insight with all the students during assembly, that all research suggests that students who do not attend school, have poorer mental health, so we are very keen to ensure all of our students attend school as often as possible.

In order to support with this, we have introduced a **January Reset Challenge**, where every child in school gets a raffle ticket every day at the school gates, so that they can earn a prize that day, from cookies, to free lunches, and even Amazon gift cards. We've also introduced **Warm Up Wednesdays**, where children can come and get a **free hot chocolate** every Wednesday from Mrs Giblin and the student leadership team, to enjoy over the lunch break.

If you feel that you and/or your child are seeking support for any part of their health, **please have a look at our new student ['My Health'](#) page.** You can find this on the school website, by going to 'Students', 'Safeguarding', and scrolling to the header 'Students Seeking Support'.

You can also click on the link [here](#). It signposts students and parents to lots of different help, including the school nurse online chat service, mental and physical health support, online worries, and reporting tools. Please share any feedback to us, so that we can continue to improve this page.

We also wanted to share a Parent Webinar with you from GT Scholars, titled 'Help your Teen develop a growth mindset'. It is free for you to join, just sign up [here](#).

Feedback

We welcome feedback at any point. If you would like to meet with a member of the senior team to discuss concerns or any feedback, please email

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