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Dear parents, carers and wider community,

It is with the greatest excitement that I write my first letter to you as Headteacher of Blaise High School. My name is Katherine Brown and I am thrilled to have been appointed by Greenshaw Learning Trust. It has been a fantastic first week in the job, made so by the enthusiasm and spirit of all the staff and students at Blaise.

The first bit of excellent news this week came when we were able to announce that our joining to Greenshaw Learning Trust had become official. Greenshaw have been working with the staff and students here since January under the leadership of Ben Parnell and Joe Ambrose. The team have introduced key routines that are already well embedded. The school is incredibly grateful for all their work up to this point and will continue to benefit from their expertise into the future as they are both working directly with us. The work completed last year meant this summer, GCSE results were significantly better than they had been previously, this means we are well on our way to achieving exceptional results this academic year for our current year 11.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank our dedicated Administration Team for all the hard work they've given over the summer. They've ensured Blaise High School was ready for launch. You would have met them during our uniform sale, where they worked tirelessly to get all our students dressed in the incredibly smart green and black uniform. The students really do look the part. Thank you to all parents for ensuring that our students are so well dressed, it is so worth it.

Along with the new name, new uniform and new branding comes a new mission statement. It's incredibly important to me personally that the drive for success at Blaise High School comes from values that we, as a whole community, buy into. Our new mission statement is:

“Our values of Ambition, Inclusion and Collaboration ensure we are equipped with a Growth Mind-Set and can meet our mission of Social Justice”

I would love to explain to you exactly what we mean by this:

- Ambition - We expect the very best from each other because we believe that every one of us can succeed in all we do.
- Inclusion - We are a diverse community who believe that equality of opportunity is essential to the success of our school.
- Collaboration - We work with each other and not against each other at all times, this ensures everybody's right to a professional safe learning environment.
- Growth Mind-Set – We believe that success is determined by hard work, resilience and a positive attitude to failure.
- Social Justice - We are determined to promote a fairer society. One in which everyone has an equal opportunity to determine their own future.

This first week has been filled with staff and students demonstrating every one of those words. I have been impressed by the ambition shown through the level of challenge in lessons. Our



curriculum is truly challenging students to ensure they make the best possible progress every lesson. Students have shown a steadfast Growth Mind-Set, particularly in getting back into the routine of Roll Call, where after just one practice they are already meeting our high standard. We have shown true collaboration with disruption free lessons, every lesson this week. Finally a complete highlight of the week has been Fun Friday today. Here our value of inclusion is shown as all students celebrated the end of a cracking first week with ice lollies at lunch.

Looking forward, I want to remind year 11 parents that Period 6 (3pm to 4pm) begins on Monday 9th. This is the daily additional lesson that all our Y11 students attend to ensure they are as best prepared for their exams. This additional classroom time makes a world of difference to student progress and I know our Year 11 are really ambitious and want to take that extra time to ensure their success.

To finish I'd like to remind you of some extremely important dates. Our open evening will be held on Wednesday 25th September from 5:30pm until 8pm with my addresses taking place at 6pm and 7pm. Alongside this, the school will run open mornings so parents can see the school in action. The school will be open from 9:15am to 10:45am on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. I really look forward to those days so prospective students and parents can see all our wonderful school has to offer.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Kind Regards,



Katherine Brown
Headteacher