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Dear Blaise families,

We continue to thank the whole community for their ongoing support. The improvements which we have seen within the school over the last two and a half months have been phenomenal and the students are truly a credit to themselves and the community.

I am writing to remind everyone, as per the dates on the website, that we will finish for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 16th December. We will finish at the usual times and students will be working hard in lessons all the way up to the end of the day. We have an INSET day on the 3rd January and all students will then return to school on the 4th January at usual times. A lot of the work that the staff complete on the INSET will be related to improvements in the school curriculum. We teach a knowledge - rich curriculum at Blaise High School. This means that the knowledge which we teach is carefully selected and intelligently sequenced to give students the very best chance of climbing their own personal mountains to the very best Universities in the country or genuine alternatives. We encourage all of our parents to review the subject curriculum maps here, and to regularly discuss what students are learning with them. We look forward to hosting a number of curriculum evenings in the new calendar year to give parents greater insight into what students learn

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance at school. Attendance at school is the single biggest determining factor in how well a child does at school. We expect all of our children to be in school all of the time, as we know that this makes the biggest difference in their outcomes. It is really important that we all take collective responsibility for ensuring that we do everything we can to have our children in school every day. This is particularly important whilst the World Cup takes place

We have lots of exciting events coming up and look forward to writing to you in due course about; end of unit rewards, Fun Friday events, sports fixtures, open events in the school, events in the community and otherwise.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro Headteacher

