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Dear Blaise Families,

The Children's Commissioner for England - The Big Ambition Campaign

At Blaise High School we recognise the importance of children working hard to climb their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country, or careers of their choosing. We also recognise the importance of the voices of our community and the feedback they offer. With this in mind we would like to share with you an important opportunity for Blaise families to share your thoughts and opinions with the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, who has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until **Friday 19th January**. To take the survey click this link.

The Big Ambition is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old. The survey has gone to schools across England so The Children's Commissioner can start to hear from children and young people aged from 6 to 18. Parents are also being encouraged to complete the survey for those who may need additional support or on behalf of younger children (under 6) to make sure the needs of early years children are represented too.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and can be completed on mobile phones, tablets, laptops and computers. The survey asks for information about the person responding, the child's age, and what school they attend. There is also an option to complete an easy-read version with larger text. The questions are slightly different depending on the age of the child answering, but everyone is asked what they think the Government should do to make children's lives better.

It's important to remember that the survey is not a test and that there are no right or wrong answers. Everything in the survey is anonymous. If you would like to find out more about the data protection policies, please visit the <u>information and privacy page</u>.

If you have any questions about the survey or The Big Ambition, you can contact The Big Ambition Campaign by using this <u>contact form</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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