

KBO/JBI
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone, I hope you've had a great week.

We have loved spending the week show prospective parents around in our open mornings. We've had so much positive feedback from all the visits. A big thank you to Mrs Cerullo and Mrs Robinson for organising the event. The biggest thank you of all goes to the student leaders who were an absolute credit to the school.

I want to remind Y11 parents of our Information Evening. In particular, please note the **change of date** to Monday 18th October. The event is still from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This will be a chance for all Y11 families to get top tips on preparing for exams, support for maintaining positive personal well-being throughout Y11, how the Y11 mock exams will work and an update on Y11 curriculum, homework and study opportunities. We hope this will help all Y11 families to feel confident and supported in what we know is a challenging year.

The positivity through the green "reward" points on Class Charts has continued to boom. There are now 3 amazing students who have hit triple figures: Aiden H (145), Amelia W (114) and Olivia S (120).

We have 787 students in the double figures for positive points, that's 92% of the school! To help you understand the context of your child's green points I thought it would be helpful for you to know that:

- a green point score above 35 this week puts your child in the top 25%
- if they have more than 50 as of this week, they're in the top 10%

This week, we have awarded a massive additional 7683, we are now at a total of 17388 point green points with our top achievers of all time being:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Reece L (59) Eden M (58) Claudia M (53)	Karina B (67) Hannah O (61) Annie W (60)	Liana S (91) Natalia B (80) Tomas G (79)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Amina R (78) Callum H (63) Haddy B (57)	Olivia S (120) Amelia W (114) Rhiana VG (98)	Aiden H (145) Rhys N (92) Callum T (79)

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We also celebrate students through our Character Programme. I wanted to highlight some specific students who reached exceptional milestones this week:

- For organising a holiday and after school Environmental Activism project with the Geography department:
 - Amina R - Y10 - Silver Environment badge
 - Callum H - Y10 - Silver Environment badge
- For attending a Venture into Vets course at Bristol University:
 - Erin Summers - Y11 - Gold Futures badge
 - Olivia Sage - Y11 - Gold Futures badge

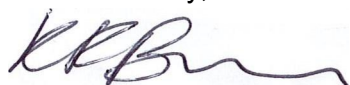
After the constraints of the last 18 months, it was an absolute delight to welcome so many Y10 and Y11 students and their families to our Post 16 Careers event on Wednesday. The twenty five exhibitors from local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship providers were delighted to meet our students in what was the first face to face event for many of them in a long time. They were hugely impressed by the questions asked, and the students' desire to discover what a vast range of opportunities await them after GCSEs. A big thank you to our wonderful student volunteers, Rhiana V, Josh D, Eden G and Maddie M who were perfect hosts. Also, Mrs Cerullo, Mrs Cook and of course Steve Newman our independent careers adviser who were available to answer questions and offer advice.

A couple of weeks ago, our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award students from last year were finally able to go on their expedition; this had to be postponed in July. The weather was very much on their side for a couple of days in the Cotswolds. All students navigated their routes fantastically and completed them on both days in great time. One team set themselves an expedition aim to write a poem about their journey, with special recognition to Ahmed and Kiyan, as their impressive rhyming skills formed the backbone of the piece. The other team aimed to take group photos along their route, with special recognition to both Isabelle and Jamelia for the leadership they displayed in their team. All students who attended the expedition have now completed their Bronze awards, with many already choosing to move on to the Silver award this year and I look forward to presenting them with their certificates and award badges soon.

Please remember that Blaise is sharing and celebrating every day on social media, so do follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using our handle **@blaisehighsch**. We've shared some wonderful stories this week including our school dog Gideon winning trophies and our fantastic open mornings so check it out. Also our feedback survey is still open and we would really appreciate some feedback and invite you to complete the survey linked [here](#).

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher