



KBO/JBI
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! Hope you're looking forward to a week of rest over the October half term.

The positivity through the green "reward" points on Class Charts has been brilliant throughout the half term. I wanted to take this opportunity to sum up the absolute highlights:

- We've given 39,045 Green Points this half term
- That's a ratio of 7 Green Points for every 1 Red Point
- There are now 19 students with over 100 Green Points, their names and scores are listed below
- Students can earn Green Points through our Ambition award. This is for the top 3 students in each lesson based on the quality of work produced. 840 students have received this award at some point this term, that's 97.5% of our school. Our highest Ambition award achievers, Mahad and Rhys, are achieving the award at a rate of one in every 3 lessons. This is incredible!
- Students can also earn Green Points through demonstrating Collaboration. These points are awarded when students show kindness to others and use their oracy skills to engage positively in conversation with staff. 685 students have received this award at some point this term. Our highest Collaboration award achievers are Shelby W, Tomas G, Logan C, Paige B and Franalbert C. They've all achieved more than 20 collaboration points each.
- We have 821 students in the double figures for positive points, that's 96% 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 57 this week puts your child in the top 25%
 - if they have more than 74 as of this week, they're in the top 10%

Aidan H	09KAN	168
Amelia W	11DTM	145
Joshua D	11JSO	142
Olivia S	11DTM	137

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Kelsie R-O	11UCM	130
Charlie K	11DTM	123
Liana S	09EDM	123
Rhys- James N	09KAN	116
Rhiana V-G	11JBM	115
Andrew H	11DTM	112
Tikia M	11JBM	111
Layla D	09EDM	109
Elizabeth D	11DTM	108
Peace O	11DTM	107
Megan N	11DTM	106
Natalia B	09MRH	105
Tomas G	09CDH	102
Mahad M	11HSM	101
Seth C	11DTM	100

On Tuesday, students in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the fantastic opportunity to see 'Breaking the Silence' at St Mary's Parish Church, a theatrical tour for Black History Month, fictionalising a meeting by key members of the 18th and early 19th century British abolitionist movement. The performance immersed students in a unique experience that celebrated 18th century Black British Abolitionists such as Olaudah Equiano and Mary Prince, and women such as Mary Birkett Card, who along with William Wilberforce used the power of their stories to end the slave trade. We were incredibly proud to take so many of our pupils along and to hear their insightful thoughts about both the theatre experience itself and its content. We are really excited for students to share these thoughts with our wider school community through assemblies after half term.

The start of the day is a really important time at Blaise High School. Students are expected to be in Roll Call when the second bell goes at 8.40. Tutors make sure that all our students have the equipment needed for a successful day and they check on the welfare of each of their tutees. We are very proud that 95% of our students arrive at school on time every day. Next term, we will be making changes to the way we welcome students who arrive late in the morning. Students will be asked to meet with our Punctuality Team in the canteen and they will stay there until lessons start at 9.05. During their session in the canteen, each student will be expected to read in silence and to have their pencil case and planner with homework and timetable open on the desk. We will provide a reading book for the late students. Our Punctuality Team will check that students are ready for a successful day and will also issue a lunchtime detention to any student who has been late three times. If a student misses a lunchtime detention, they will be required to stay for an hour after school on a Friday. Please support your children to be on time every day and contact us if you would benefit from some help from our team.

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We take attendance and punctuality really seriously and offer a range of interventions to our student who need help in these areas. One of our most significant interventions is our Blaise Bus. This is a specialist part of our Thrive provision and helps to support young people in need with their journey to school. We need to recruit a new driver for our bus and so I am pleased to share this recruitment opportunity with our parent community through our newsletter. If you think the role could be for you or could be for someone you know then please do follow this link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-minibus-driver-1183742>

Now to Library news from Mrs Middleton. Students have been pleased to be back in the library this term, it's been a hive of activity! We've been really busy every day with students doing homework, reading, quizzing and playing chess. Our Student Librarians have been true ambassadors, assisting with the running of the library during breaks & lunches. They've learnt so many new skills; library desk checkout, teaching chess, making bookmarks, learning about different formats of books, the confidence to speak to adults, making new friends and teamworking.

I was very proud to receive so many compliments about them from parents on Open Evening. In library lessons many students have started their Accelerated Reader journey, with the aim of improving their reading ages. I look forward to seeing them progress as they read a variety of different books, genres and formats. (Y7 & 8 parents - please encourage your child to read every day and remind them they need to do their book quizzes before their next library lesson!).

These are our top readers for Term 1:

Y7: Ashleigh I, Leo E, Thomas A, Reece L, Evie C, Maria R

Y8: Hannah O, Miekko D, Karina B, Annie W, Megan J, Laila O

Please remember that Blaise is sharing and celebrating every day on social media, do follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using our handle **@blaisehighsch**. We've shared some wonderful stories this week including pictures from our Theatre trip, announcements about our Shrek auditions and information about our Y11 parental event.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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