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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone and welcome back to the second half term of the year at Blaise High School!

I hope you all had a fantastic half term break and were able to rest and spend time together as a family. We've had a busy first week back at Blaise including welcoming visitors to our school. Sir John Hunt is a school in Plymouth that is joining Greenshaw Learning Trust. The staff from Sir John Hunt were really impressed by Blaise and in particular commented on how kind and polite our students were towards them. I want to thank all the staff and students that took part in hosting our visitors and collaborated together to make them feel so welcome.

Our Green Points on class charts have hit over 48 thousand this week! We're so proud of all our students who are achieving points every day. We now have 54 students who have hit that "Hundred Hero" milestone with over 100 green points.

To help you understand the context of your child's green points I thought it would be helpful for you to know that this week:

- a green point score above **70** this week puts your child in the top 25%
- if they have more than **88** as of this week, they're in the top 10%

Our top achievers this week are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Evie C (24)	Karina B (24)	Jan H (17)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Nixy A (12)	Amelia W (19)	Darcey D (22)

Next week, we are having a big push to improve punctuality to lessons. I wanted to share this with parents so you can support to ensure your child always tries their best to be on time to all classes. Most children are never late but occasionally some students don't make it on time. We have ambitious expectations and expect to be able to ensure that all students are on-time to 100% of their lessons. From Monday, if students are late to a lesson, we will be tracking this on Class Charts so parents are aware. If you notice that your child gets a Red Point for "Late to lesson" please do support the school in setting the high expectations that they're always on time. We will support students to get this right and are really confident that we can get to our 100% target by the end of the week.

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As you will be aware, coming up on the 11<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Day. I want to take this opportunity to share with all parents and carers how this will be marked at Blaise. Firstly, do encourage your child to bring a small donation to school so they can purchase a poppy from our student leaders, who will be selling on behalf of the British Legion at both break and lunch in the social areas every day. Secondly, on Thursday at the end of Period 2 we will have a whole school short service. This will include readings from student leaders, the playing of the last post and a minute's silence, to commemorate and honour all those past and present who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

We look forward to marking this event together and allowing all students to reflect about the meaning of Remembrance to them.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Ms K Brown  
Headteacher