



KBO/JBI
10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! We can't believe that we're finishing our final full week of the Autumn term 2021-22.

We now have 406 "Hundred Hero" students. That is those with over 100 green points, which is now 47% of the school!

There are 4 elite students with over 200 points: Aiden E, Amelia W, Elizabeth D and Karina B. We have now given a total of 82,025 green points, with over 8000 more being given this week!

Our top achievers this week are:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Harry C (39)	Miekko D (27)	Klea H (20) Ellie-Mae J (20)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Nixy A (22)	Seth C (27)	Aisha A (23)

As we draw to the end of the term, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the extra-curricular take up we've seen throughout Autumn. We have had another busy term in our Character Development programme, with numbers taking part in extracurricular activities increasing week-by-week. 452 students have now taken part in clubs at lunchtime, after school or at the weekend. Students have joined us in badminton, basketball, art, maths clubs, handwriting clubs, performing arts and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, as well as dedicating themselves to extra-curricular study.

Congratulations to our top performers:

- Elizabeth D and Nikodem B in Y11
- Matthew L and Benjamin S in Y10
- Layla D and Alexis H in Y9
- Millie S and Dimitar B in Y8
- Leo E and Ruby H in Y7.

For the full list of available activities, please see our website.

This Wednesday, our chef and his team in the canteen will be providing an extra special lunch menu to celebrate the festivities of Christmas. Our Head Chef Mr Adalier is actually a former student of the school and he is hoping to make this the best Christmas dinner yet.

The mouth-watering meal will be freshly made on site and priced the same as a normal main meal so please encourage your children to take part as it's a really special one. The menu is as follows:

Christmas Dinner: Turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, stuffing, honey roasted parsnips, carrots and sprouts. Served with gravy and cranberry sauce.

Vegetarian options will be available as well as cold sandwiches

The meal comes with a desert of Chocolate Yule Log, a favourite at Christmas time!

Sticking with the festive theme, our wonderful school council put up and decorated Christmas trees throughout the school this week. Isabelle A, one of our fantastic leaders, wanted to share her thanks to the team for helping to make this happen and her wish that all students and staff at Blaise High School enjoy them. She also passed on her hope that everybody has a lovely Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year! Here is a picture of our wonderful student council:



I wanted to ensure that all parents are clear on the adjustments to ARD that are upcoming. The letter I shared this week is linked [here](#). I wanted to reiterate my disappointment that plans have had to change and my hope that all families are understanding that this is necessary given the current national picture. We look forward to engaging remotely with Y11 parents at the end of next week and with all other parents in a rearranged session in January. Please be reminded that for students the last day of term is Thursday 16th December. Detailed communication about their Lateral Flow testing slots in January will be sent next week.

Following our Parent Survey in HT1 and parent forum in HT2, we really want to focus on the effectiveness of communication at Blaise. In particular, the experiences you have with different areas of the school and whether requests are dealt with in a timely manner. Please could you complete the survey linked here to share your feedback - <https://forms.gle/BuGuSV8WN7t8FPcf9>

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Brown
Headteacher