



KBO/JBI

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas everyone!

This is the final newsletter of the term and I want to start by wishing all families a wonderful festive holiday. I really hope you enjoy time relaxing, seeing loved ones and celebrating this time of year.

It's been a fantastic term overall for rewards. Here are the highlights of the whole Autumn term at Blaise High School:

- We've given 90,011 Green Points in total
- 47,092 of these have been Ambition Points from lessons for exceptional academic work
- 4,844 of these have been through our Character Programme showing just how often students are attending clubs and earning their Bronze, Silver and Gold Character Badges
- Staff have given 5,637 Green Points for Collaboration, this is showing kindness to one another and to staff at social times.
- There are now 11 students with 200+ points
- 498 students became 100 Heros meaning they crossed the threshold of 100 Green Points

Our top achievers during our final week are:

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Eva Jane H (23) | Ramatoulie K (40) | Evelina L (29) |
| Year 10 | Year 11 | Resource Base |
| Nixy A (32) | Emily K-N (31) Valentena P (31) | Louise T (32) |

And our top achievers of the term overall are:

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Claudia M (192) | Karina B (230) | Layla D (209) |
| Year 10 | Year 11 | Resource Base |
| Haddy B (190) | Amelia W (228) | Aiden H (225) |

In our library lessons, students have been learning how to monitor their reading progress and book quizzing statistics using their Accelerated Reader accounts. Parents and carers of Y7 and Y8 students are welcome to see how well your child is scoring, together with an illustrated bookshelf of the titles they've read. Click [HERE](#) to enter your child's login details (e.g. username: bloggsj-21, password: read). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email our librarian, Mrs Middleton directly using the address: middletons@blaisehighschool.co.uk. *Please keep encouraging your child to read for 20 minutes every day.* This will really help improve their literacy skills. This term our brilliant student readers have taken 1,329 book quizzes and read a total of 18.9million words!

Top readers this term:

Y7 - Leo, Evie, Thomas, Logan F, Kelsi-Leigh, David L, Hanna, Joel, Ashleigh, Scott

Y8 - Esha, Khadijah, Megan, Hannah, Josie, Holly, Karina, Annie, Meikko, Laila

Top quizzers this term:

Y7 - Laura, Leo, Evie, Joel, Heidi, Shihab, Shazida, Lucas, Ollie, Hadeel

Y8 - Khadijah, Lily-Mae, Zackery, Dougy

This week, we were incredibly proud of the students from all year groups who took part in the Performing Arts events including, the Arts Evening on Wednesday and the Y7 Carol Service at Henbury Church. The student performances were excellent, there was so much talent being shared including incredible dancers, captivity acting and beautiful singing. Students worked really hard in rehearsals to prepare, collaborated brilliantly together and showed real courage in their performances. Some of my favourite parts were hearing the whole of Y7 singing together the brilliant carols, O Holy Night and Away in a Manger, a fantastically funny drama piece based on Sleeping Beauty and a really professional performance of Oasis' Don't Look Back in Anger from the Y11 band. A particular thanks to Mrs Evans, Ms Harper and Ms Stone who worked tirelessly to organise the performances. They went above and beyond to make these performances happen.

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>

A final reminder for the expectations for the start of the new term:

- Monday 3rd January is a national bank holiday
- Tuesday 4th January is inset
- Wednesday 5th January the school is closed to all students for lessons but they must arrive for their allocated slot for on-site LF testing. See below.

| 10am to 11am | 11am to 12pm | 12pm to 1pm | 13:45pm to 14:45pm | 14:45 to 15:45pm |
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| Year 11 and Resource Base students | Year 8 | Year 10 | Year 9 | Year 7 |

- Thursday 6th January all students return to school for a full normal day, students must arrive by 8:40am latest

I wish you all a fantastic holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown - Headteacher