



KBO/JBI
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone. I hope students have enjoyed their first full week back at Blaise High School.

We've got off to a great start with our green reward points. Since the start of term, we've given 8592 points. 99% of students have received green points this term and 48% of students have received more than 10 green points already!

Our top achievers at the start of the term have been:

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Harrison W (26) | Luke R (30) | Codrin I (22) |
| Year 10 | Year 11 | Resource Base |
| Isabelle A (33) | Shauna T (24) | Darcey D (38) |

Our fantastic EAL Lead, Mrs Prosser, is helping us all to celebrate the diversity of languages spoken at Blaise High School, through a language of the month scheme. The language for January is Polish and there is a display in the Atrium sharing this. Our fantastic Y9 student Tymoteusz has helped to produce a video sharing greeting and how to count to 10 in Polish. The resources have been shared in our Tutor Time Culture Programme and you can watch the clip [here](#). We're encouraging all students to learn the greetings and numbers themselves, record their new-found skills and share them with Mrs Prosser by email on prosserj@blaisehighschool.co.uk. Students who complete this challenge throughout January will be awarded the Bronze Diversity Badge. Please encourage your children to take part!

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the important measure's students must adhere to as part of response to Covid-19. Parents have an important responsibility to be aware of the guidance so please ensure you've familiarised yourself with the updates on our website [here](#).

The key points to remember are:

1. Ensure your child completes LF (Lateral Flow) tests at home twice weekly
2. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive LF test result or any of the symptoms of Covid-19
3. Follow the [stay at home guidance](#) outlined here where required
4. Ensure your child has a [face covering](#) every day and they understand how to wear and look after this safely
5. Follow government guidance with regard to [vaccination](#) for 12 to 17 year olds
6. Where required, help your child to feel comfortable in our well-ventilated rooms by encouraging them to wear additional layers under their school uniform or between their blazer and shirt and to wear a school jumper.

Finally, I wanted to discuss the new arrangement for ARD (Academic Review Day) at Blaise. As you know this was postponed in December as a result of Covid-19. It's clear that the opportunity to invite you all into school for an on-site ARD is still not possible, given the rates of infection and current plan B control measures schools are under. As a result, we will run ARD remotely this month. You can post questions and ask for feedback from any of your child's teachers using the form that is linked [here](#). Please submit your questions by Friday 21st January. We will ensure staff get back to you as per your request. After half term, we will launch a new web based interactive platform, that will help us to provide video call parental meetings. This is really exciting as it will mean we will be able to host large events like ARD safely and conveniently, for all parents without compromising on the quality of communication you receive.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown
Headteacher