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Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy Friday everyone!

We've given students another 7630 green points this week, with 377 students managing to achieve 10 or more green points and 17 students achieving over 20 green points in just the last 5 days. Wow! Our total green points given this academic year now stands at 127,371 and there are now 157 students in the "200" club. Well done to each of them. I would like to mention Fatima A in the Resource Base, as she's been top of her year group for two weeks. Well done Fatima!

Our top achievers this week have been:

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Scott C (25) | Hannah O (20) | Layla D (24) |
| Year 10 | Year 11 | Resource Base |
| Sabiha K (27) | Jesika N (20) | Fatima A (22) |

Following feedback from students and parents, we have invested in a new Science homework platform called Educake. We believe that this will really benefit students because there are a wider range of questions set and students can now complete their Science homework in one day. To be successful, students need to achieve 80% on the questions asked. If they do not achieve 80% on their first time, they can retake the same questions until they achieve it. We recommend making a note of any mistakes, including any spelling mistakes. The Science teachers will be giving out the login details and demonstrating the new platform this term. We will make the change to Educake after half term.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind Y11 parents that the Spring Mock programme will run throughout WB 28th Feb and WB 7th March. Students are being issued with their Exam Manifests (Revision support materials) and their Exam Timetables today as part of a special assembly to help get students ready. It's also worth taking this opportunity to mention, that as a result of the ongoing situation with Covid, we have not yet been able to confirm when, and how, there will be a prom for our Y11 students. Please be assured that we will look for all opportunities to celebrate the hard work and success of our students. For the time being, we do expect students to remain in school, as normal, until the date of their final summer exam. We will update students and parents as soon as we are able, as I know some are starting to think about plans and bookings for the Summer.

This week, we have continued with our Equipment Excellence campaign. Every morning for the last two weeks, students and tutors have worked together to ensure that every single one of our students, is fully equipped for the school day ahead. Tutors share how important it is for students to bring all their equipment to school each morning, to be the most ambitious and successful they can be every day. Students present their equipment to their tutor on their equipment mat, to celebrate those who have arrived at school with everything they need. This also gives tutors the opportunity to support those who have not arrived with all of their equipment, by lending them equipment that gets collected back in at the end of the day. As we continue into the coming weeks, we are excitedly waiting to see which tutor groups will win 5 ambition points each, for full equipment mats all week. Also, who will win the ultimate prize of a pizza party for their continued commitment to arriving at school with all their equipment. To support your child and their tutor group in achieving these prizes, you can check what equipment your child is missing from their pencil cases against the Blaise High School equipment list below:

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| Black or blue pen | Ruler | Calculator |
| Green pen | Sharpener | Reading book (Years 7 and 8 only) |
| Pencil | Rubber | Knowledge organiser |
| | | Pencil case |

We are really excited about our first Winners' Workshop which is being held from 3:15-4pm on Tuesday 15th February. This is an opportunity for you and your child to learn together at school. This event will be focused on Sparx and Mr Burr will be showing you how to use the website and also giving you some time to take part in some Maths with your child using our chromebooks. If you and your child would like to attend, please complete the form [here](#). If you have any questions regarding homework, please contact Mr Standing at standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk

Finally, I would like to share the opportunity for parents and members of our community to join our school through our current support staff vacancies. We are currently hiring positions in both the main school and resource base for Teaching Assistants as we expand our pupil numbers. We also still have a vacancy open for Exams Invigilator, which is flexible contract that may be of interest. Here is the link to our vacancies page where you can find more details:

<https://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/contact-blaise/school-contact-details/staff-vacancies>

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown
Headteacher