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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope you've all stayed safe today throughout the storm and that all Blaise students have been able to effectively engage in the remote learning resources. We've been really impressed with the completion rates, with over 350 students logging in before 9am and many more completing work throughout the day.

We've given another 8168 green points this week, with an incredibly impressive 428 students managing to achieve 10 or more green points and 32 students achieving over 20 green points in just the last 5 days. Wow!

As we reach the milestone of half way through our year, we have given a total of 134,565 green points and there are now 197 students in the "200" club, well done to each of them.

Our top achievers this week have been:

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
HARRISON B (41)	MATTHEW R (29)	ELLIE-MAE J (22)
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Resource Base</b>
ROSY M (18)	SHERIFF M (25)	DARCEY D (28)

Following our student survey, we are excited to implement some changes to transitions at Blaise High School from next half term. Student feedback showed that we could do more as a community to make transitions feel smooth and safe. After careful consideration we have decided to support transition by creating 2 simple new systems:

1. We will require all students to walk on the left. We will support all to get this right through reminders and new clear signs
2. We will change staircases to be one-way only so the flow of students moves more smoothly throughout the school. We will support students to get this right through some tutor time learning on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We really appreciate the feedback students provided and will complete another survey later in the year, to help us measure the impact of these changes.

I want to take this opportunity to clarify that as the season changes, we will adjust our uniform expectations in line with the warmer months ahead. From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will no longer allow extra layers to be worn in addition to uniform between shirts and blazers. We had adapted our uniform expectations to allow students to add extra layers as a way of supporting students to feel comfortable, whilst we maintained high levels of ventilation. However, this additional adjustment will no longer be required. Students may still wear extra layers in the following ways only:

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1. Students may wear a school jumper in addition to their blazer. These jumpers must be either Blaise High School black jumpers/cardigans or Henbury grey jumpers
2. Students may wear additional layers under their shirt, for example a t-shirt/base layer/vest

Finally, I would like to once again 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 Invigilators, 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 Spring half term holiday. Students return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February on a week two.

Yours faithfully,



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