



KBO/JBI  
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope everyone has enjoyed the first week back at school of half term 4.

We've given another 5692 green points this week. Usually, I give you the update on points from Friday to Thursday but of course the last Friday of the term, we had to close the school due to the storm. This is why our number is a little lower than usual because it includes 4 school days only.

The total points for a number of children is sky rocketing! There are now 17 with over 300 points, 235 with over 200 points and 717 with over 100 points. We look forward to awarding their "hundred hero" badges before Easter.

Our top achievers this week have been:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Siyaam R ((23)	Helena S (18)	Orlando B (18)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Kizuwanda (18)	Sharon M (8)	Fatima A (24)

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. There is a display in our atrium sharing this and the language for March is **Arabic**. Our fantastic Y8 student Sham A has helped to produce a video sharing Arabic greetings and how to count to 10 in Arabic. The resource has 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](mailto:prosserj@blaisehighschool.co.uk). Students who complete this challenge throughout March, will be awarded the Bronze Diversity Badge. Please encourage your children to take part.

We want to say a huge congratulations to Karina for her appointment as Bristol City Youth Council representative for North Bristol. She has done brilliantly to both get through the rigorous process of becoming a candidate and then to be chosen via the public vote. Here's a little quote from Karina about her first few days in office:

***"Last week I had the opportunity to attend two amazing induction days at the City Hall where we covered the main tasks in which the Youth City Council members will be involved during their mandate: raising awareness of bullying, of mental health, LGBT+ issues, collecting views of young people, focus on environment and transport, etc. We have also visited a few Youth Bristol Centres and we strongly encourage everyone for honest feedback regarding improvements, issues and new ideas"***

This week, we have focussed on our new transition routines which will help make our corridors safer and calmer at changeover. We made these changes in response to student survey feedback and so far, we've been really impressed with the impact. Students have adapted to the new routine

well and as a result the transitions are really smooth. To check everyone's views, we completed a quick feedback survey this week and the results were overwhelmingly positive. 91.8% agreed that the new system has improved transition and 87.7% agreed that it's had a further positive effect on the start of lessons themselves. Next week, we will continue this focus, to ensure it is fully embedded and will also add further improvements by increasing staff presence around toilet areas. Students should expect staff at toilet areas, to ensure those spaces are always clean and comfortable for the whole community use:

1. Ensuring they're only used during social times and not during transition
2. Regular checks of the cleanliness and functionality of the spaces
3. Limitations on groups entering the space to ensure they're used appropriately

Finally, I would like to continue to share the opportunity for parents and members of our community, to join our school through our current support staff vacancies. We currently have a vacancy for Exam Invigilators and will soon be advertising for a SEN Administrator role. Check out this 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,



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Headteacher