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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful October half term break. We hope that families feel refreshed and ready for another busy half term ahead.

Firstly, I always like to share with you updates from our library. Congratulations to 7SMR & 8JGP for being the top reading tutor groups for Term 1. We are now at a total of 35million words read, and 994 book quizzes taken which is amazing. This week we took delivery of over 100 new books and this has created some queues of keen readers excited to get their hands on them.

Mrs Middleton and I want to take this opportunity to remind our students that the competition to design our new Blaise High School Library Card is still open, the deadline is extended for another week, with closing next Friday on the 16th. If you have received a letter about your child's overdue library items then please ask your child to return them or send in payment to cover any lost items. Thank you so much to those who have already responded.

Blaise is preparing for Remembrance on Monday 11th. Our student leaders have been selling Poppies throughout the week and students have donated generously to the cause. As well as this we have created a new display to mark the day. This is helping our students have a greater understanding of life in the World Wars and specifically helps to explain the Blitz and the evacuation. We've even got a section about how dogs were used in wartime!

Next, to sports news. Our Y9 boys competed in a rugby festival at the end of the last week of half term. Within the tournament we had some stand out fantastic performances including beating Oasis Brighstowe 7 tries to 2. Overall, a really good team performance, but some notable outstanding displays from Tyrese Redgers, Aiden Evans and Olly Korthals. Congratulations to those boys for their brilliant rugby playing. Also, this week Mrs Griffiths took our Year 7 Girls Netball team out to play a league game away against Oasis Brightstowe. We were so pleased that they won 6-2! The players of that match were Haddi, Eleanor, Alexis, Angel, Lauren, Maisie, Poppy, Layla and Grace. My final bit of sports news is huge! One of our students is not just a Local Champion, or a National Champion or a European Champion but a World Champion! Tyrese Hartley in Year 9 won gold at the World Taekwondo Championships. The championships were on Sunday 3rd in Scotland and there were competitors from 22 different countries. Tyrese won Gold in the flying high kick as well as 3 silver medals in other events. We're so proud of him, not only because his achievement is amazing but his professionalism and commitment to his sport is second to none. He is already looking forward to the 2024 Olympics and we're so looking forward to seeing him there.

A quick notice for year 7 parents. On Tuesday 3rd December, our Year 7 choir will be performing alongside all other Greenshaw schools at Gloucester Cathedral. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to perform in a professional and iconic setting. It is also brilliant to bring all the Greenshaw schools together to truly live our value of collaboration. If parents would like to join then the details of the event and how to get tickets are all on our website and letters regarding the event were sent home this week. Please check the information and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, we had a special visit on the final day of term. I have been hoping for Darren Jones, our local MP to visit us this term but, as you can imagine, he has been very busy in Westminster. As a result, the earliest time he could come was in the afternoon of the last day of term. Other schools may have turned down that offer for fear that their school would not be at its best at that time. However, at Blaise we are committed to ensuring disruption free classrooms every period, of every day of every week. Staff and students didn't disappoint as our tour proved our claim perfectly. Darren was so impressed with the school and how high the standards were in every classroom.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher