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Dear Blaise Families,

What a fantastic first half term we have had. It is such a privilege to lead this school and to work with such an inspirational community in making Blaise High School one of the very best schools in the whole country. We remain resolute in our belief that every child who comes through our gates in the morning is capable of climbing their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or genuine alternatives.

There have been a great many highlights this half term. From the 5th September, it has been wonderful to see the children adapt so well to a raising of expectations. We know that where we raise the bar for children they will always rise to meet it. We can say with confidence that the children are the smartest children in all of Bristol. We have taken groups on trips, including Duke of Edinburgh and to experience a lecture from a leading science professor. It was inspirational to see the students genuinely demonstrating integrity in not giving up on Duke of Edinburgh, (despite some of them perhaps wanting to!) The post - 16 careers event was an excellent opportunity for students to understand their next steps up their mountains and the Resource Base have been on a number of trips, including legoland and Cardiff Castle. We remain committed to ensuring that all of our students have access to the same wealth and breadth of experiences that their peers who attend private schools have access to. We believe that if those children can have these experiences, so should ours.

There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of green points and RfL points students have achieved. Since September, we have issued 102,914 green points and 4,230 separate golden tickets have been issued. This is over 100,000 occasions on which children have been recognised for doing the right thing and over 4,000 times students have been recognised for being the best student in a lesson. We have also had over 100 students access additional lessons in Period 7. This will make a huge difference to their outcomes at the end of Year 11. We cannot wait to share more details with everyone on our end of unit trips, our rewards and our plans for enrichment in unit 2 that will commence in January.

When the students return, we will continue to hold them to relentlessly high standards of behaviour. We believe that these children can achieve the very best in the country and as such we cannot afford to ever lower our standards for them. If we were to do this we would be letting them down. We continue to welcome feedback and tours at any point, please do navigate to the website and use our feedback form linked [here](#), or to book a school in action tour [here](#). We would also like to remind everyone that the best people to hear from regarding the school are the students. Please do have a look at the 'What We Do' videos on our [website](#). We are so proud of our children. We will also continue to do everything that we can to remove any barriers for our children accessing a high quality education here at Blaise High School. We have now started 'Breakfast at Blaise' in which all students can access a free bagel or bowl of porridge in the morning. Thus far we have given out breakfast over 200 times. We continue to provide equipment and uniform to those who need it and have spent over £4,000 on equipment for students so far, along with giving out 288 pieces of uniform. We want there to be no barriers in front of our children as they climb their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country, or real alternatives. We remain immensely proud of our school, and our children, and have done over 100 parent tours since September.



I would like to take this opportunity to ask that everyone stays safe over the week. If students are participating in Halloween festivities they should enjoy them but enjoy them safely and if students are attending firework displays we ask that they do so safely. I would also like to remind everyone that Monday 31st October is an INSET day and we will welcome the whole school and Resource Base back to school on **Tuesday November 1st**.

It was brilliant to see in the half - term with hot chocolate for every student and a Fun Friday film that was Halloween themed. Please do keep an eye out for events next term which will become progressively more and more festive.

Thank you for your ongoing support in improving this school, for this community.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Nabarro
Headteacher

