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Dear Blaise Families,

I can't quite believe that we are already at the end of our first unit together. It has been incredible to see how far the school has come since September and how hard the children work every single day that they are here. I wanted to write to you to share some personal highlights from the unit so far and recognise some of the outstanding contributions of our children to the school community.

Breakfast at Blaise

It has been brilliant to see the numbers of children who have attended Breakfast at Blaise and taken advantage of our offer of completely free breakfast for every student in the school. We have provided over 3,300 breakfasts since we opened. The offer will continue into the next unit.

Rewards

This year we have launched a comprehensive rewards system. All students have the opportunity to gain rewards in each lesson either via gaining green points for doing the right thing, or for winning the golden ticket for their exemplary behaviour and effort in the classroom. There can only be one golden ticket winner per lesson. 98 children have won 'Killigrew's Fried Chicken' on a Friday in which they enjoy fried chicken for lunch because they have been the top points winner in their year group. Over half of the school have been involved in our end of unit rewards which have involved a cinema experience, an inflatable obstacle course, laser tag and takeaway pizza. Our children work incredibly hard and it is important that they are rewarded when they get it right. Thanks to this system 8773 golden tickets have been issued and 19275 green points have been issued.

Disruption Free Learning

The behaviour of students at Blaise High School is now impeccable. Students are able to learn in a genuinely disruption free environment. This enables all students to learn and all teachers to teach. This is thanks to the hard work of the teachers and the willingness on the behalf of the children to step up to a raising of the expectations and standards in the school. I am phenomenally proud of the children every single day at this school. They behave with genuine maturity, they are polite, kind and hardworking. As a result they are excelling in school.

Year 11

Year 11 have been outstanding in their attitude and work since September. Their behaviour has been exemplary and their willingness to go the extra mile in their exam year has been inspirational for staff and for the rest of the school. It is really important that they take this attitude into the rest of the year and take full advantage of their additional offer. The timetable for February school will be released in January and we would like to see every member of the year group there at least once. We also strongly recommend as much attendance at period 7 between now and the exam period to ensure that the students have the best possible chance of achieving the best possible outcomes in the summer. We currently have 70 students consistently attending and look forward to seeing this number increase. There are only 16 school weeks until the GCSEs begin and we can't wait to see how well this year group achieves. We are confident that they will achieve the very best



results that the school has ever seen. We also look forward to sharing more details with you regarding their prom in due course.

The Community

I am proud to work as part of such a strong and passionate community. It has been a personal highlight of mine getting to know the community and meeting as many parents as I have. It is always reassuring to know that we share the same goal; that is we want Blaise High School to be one of the top performing schools in the country for progress made by students. I remain absolutely committed to ensuring that Blaise High School provides an education that gives every student the opportunity to climb their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country, or careers of their choosing.

Christmas Holidays

I will finish by wishing everyone an enjoyable festive period and Happy New Year. I would also like to remind the community to please stay safe over the holidays, particularly in light of the recent tragic events in Solihull. Please do remind your children not to play near open bodies of water in the cold weather.

I will also use this opportunity to remind you that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day and the students will all return on January 4th at the usual time. Breakfast will open at 8am. Please double check the uniform policy before visiting the barbers or hairdressers and purchasing school shoes. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact Mr Killigrew or myself.

I look forward to seeing you all in the new year and continuing our journey together in transforming Blaise High School into one of the very best schools in the country for progress made.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Nabarro', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr N Nabarro
Headteacher