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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome everybody back to school for 2024. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the festive period and has had a positive return to school. It has been excellent to see the children returning to school with such warmth and positivity and as ever it has been inspiring to see them work as hard as they do in lessons here.

The staff here returned on January 2nd and have been working hard preparing the very best lessons for your children. We have also worked on the development of three phrases that exemplify our values and what we expect of every child here at Blaise. Your child will hear these often and I would expect that they may come home and share them with you.

They are:

- *100%, first time, every time.* This is about **aspiration**. We believe that every child can and should give 100% effort to everything that they do. We know that the more effort we put into anything the more reward we receive, and we value effort and hard work on behalf of children here at Blaise High School, as we know the community does as well.
- *Do the right thing even when no one is watching.* This is about **integrity**. We want all of our children to continue to develop the moral compass that they do at home and in the community. This means that we want children to do the right thing because it is the right thing.
- *When one succeeds, we all succeed.* This is about **pride**. There are so many things to be proud of on behalf of our children and our school. These range from sporting achievements, to academic achievements, to the most recent winter showcase. We are a community at this school and we believe that the celebration of one of our community should be celebrated by all.

We know that the realisation of these, in practice, will support every child on their climb up their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. I very much hope to see all of you at some point in the coming year, be that at an enrichment event, an ARD event, or an open line up.

Please do support with your child's self - quizzing as per Mr Standing's letter of yesterday. This knowledge is the backbone of everything that your child will learn here at school.

I look forward to speaking to you all soon, and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Please find a video summary of this letter [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro
Headteacher

