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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you with sadness regarding the recent murders of young people in our city over the last month. Many of you will have seen the news over the break regarding the murder of another 16 year old boy. As many of you will know this has come very soon after the double murder that took place in South Bristol earlier in the month. I am sure that our entire community will join us in sending our thoughts and prayers to the families of those who have lost their children. These incidents, alongside the incident that was reported on Sunday night in Sea Mills are genuinely tragic incidents that we do not want to see repeated.

Our community, like the entire city, has a responsibility to do everything that we can to reduce the chances and incidences of violence in the community. At Blaise we believe that our approach to education supports this, and that the more that we can do to raise the aspirations of children; to develop a sense in our children that they can reach the very top will reduce the chances of them making unsafe decisions in the community. We will continue to develop our character education programme to ensure that we do everything we can, as a school, to educate our children on safety.

We ask that, as parents, you work with us on this, and with this in mind ask that all of our parents do the following:

- Send your children to school every day.
- Are even more vigilant of where your children are when not at school.
- Take an active interest in who their friends are, who they are associating with and whether or not they have friends from other schools who you are not aware of.
- Communicate regularly with us regarding any concerns; we always want to help.
- Remain vigilant about your child's online activity; are you aware of everything that they are accessing online?
- Remain vigilant of what your children are wearing outside of school, paying particular attention to balaclavas or other face coverings.
- Where your child may be out of an evening, please ensure there is a clear and safe plan for how they return home.
- If you have any concerns about your child, or any child, please contact us immediately.

Our children are fantastic children, they are the hardest working, smartest, kindest children in the city and we want to work with the community to ensure that they are safe, and well and able to meet their full potential.

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Please don't hesitate to contact the safeguarding team, or your child's head of year, with any concerns or questions.

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Yours faithfully,



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