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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to our fourth half term! Time is going so quickly through this first year of our school, Blaise High School.

I wanted to start by celebrating an amazing event that happened at the end of last half term, our school production of "We Will Rock You" which is a musical based on the songs of Queen. The staff and students involved in the production worked so incredibly hard and it really paid off. The quality of everything from costumes to vocals, set design to acting, dance choreography to lighting were exceptional. The students performed with such professionalism and were so well prepared. They also showed our Blaise High School values throughout by working so collaboratively together, being ambitious and ensuring that students from all parts of the school were included. I also want to highlight the incredible level of work put in by the teaching staff. In particular, Ms Harper, Ms Stone and Ms Evans who are our brilliant performing arts teaching team. The staff had high expectations from the start and went above and beyond to make their vision come to reality. They put in a huge number of hours and made personal sacrifices to ensure the show was a success and their effort is hugely appreciated. There were also lots of other staff who supported with playing in the band, working back stage and so much more, so a big thank you to them too. I hope anyone reading this who came and saw the show agrees that it was such a hit. Below is the cast list who all deserve a special recognition for their achievement:

Rhiana Vale-Guerreiro, Sharon Mathew, Billy Parsons, Maya Sarosh, Chloe Harper, Kerrie Cole, Micah Meardon, Emily Hallet, Sarah Sterland, Amelia Westwell, Sophie Thomas, Andrew Hannam, Andreea Culea, Paige-Marie James, Megan Perrett, Jack Gibson, Maddie Marles, Shannon Wooten, Viki Borisova, Faith Dawes, Lily Mitchell, Seth Castle, Temi Olajide, Jamelia Nelson, Daria Precup, Ana-Maria Fernandes-Goncalves, Leia Emery, Isabelle Alsop, Lori Cunningham, Maizey Greenland, Matta Jammeh, Kayla Kamanga, Holly Gayner, Logan Chisnall, Grace Mwakijunga, Noemi Varhegyi, Mia Clarke, Amina Rahman, Maria Apostol, Lucy Perrett, Jericho Gutierrez and all other students who took part.

Our final Fun Friday event of last term was (in aid of recognition of Valentine's day) a session of friendship bracelet making. A lot of students filled the classroom to make some wonderful creations and many took extra thread home to make more over the holidays.

Blaise High School now has an official Duke of Edinburgh award Twitter and Instagram page. If you would like to keep up to date with news regarding DofE and how our team are progressing at Blaise you can follow us @BlaiseDofE.

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Our U14's girls football team played at home against Bristol Free School. The first half was very close with the ball moving from end to end. Tikia and Amelia (Y9) up front were supported well by our two strong year 7's Angel and Poppy. Unfortunately, we went 0-2 down at half time. During the second half the cold and wind set it and BFS stepped up their game. The girls played their hearts out and with a squad of 16 players across years 7, 8 and 9 were a credit to the school. Unfortunately, the final score was 0-9, with BFS taking the win.

Finally, looking to next week. It will be a busy fortnight for our Year 11s as from March 2nd we begin our Spring Mock Exam period. The students have been working so hard in lessons, period 6 and Champions Hour and have been going above and beyond with their homework and revision so I am hopeful that they feel very prepared. However, I am so aware that exams can be high stress and nerve inducing times even when you feel ready so all our thoughts and winning mentality goes to them to help get them through. If you're a Y11 parent please be aware that at this time punctuality and attendance are absolutely vital. We are mirroring the regulations in public exam season to help students practice so please ensure absences are minimised and where necessary authorised with evidence at this time. Staff are ensuring students feel as confident as possible by providing warm ups before every paper, to maximise use of these please ensure students are on time in the morning. Finally, over the course of the period, we will be running a "winning starts" breakfast group for Y11 in our study space above the library. Breakfast foods and hot drinks will be provided to any student who would like to attend from 8am each day. This extra time in the morning may be the boost they need to get the very best chance of success. Please encourage them to make use of this space.

Yours faithfully



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