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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope you've had a great week and that students are enjoying their extended weekend today while staff are in inset training. Yesterday, we opened the school to prospective Y6 parents and children and we were thrilled with how the evening went. In particular I want to thank the fantastic 80 student ambassadors who showed guests around and supported in departments. They were a real credit to the school! We look forward to open mornings next week.

I'm excited to share with all KS4 parents some upcoming events that will support your children in their final year at Blaise:

- Firstly, our Careers Event led by Mrs Brightley. This will be held on Wednesday 6th October from 5 to 7pm for both Y10 and Y11 families. We will have representatives from a range of Post 16 providers, apprenticeship providers and employers, who are all here to inform you about the wide range of opportunities available when you leave Blaise High School. There will be information about the courses and application processes. There will be stands from SGS College, City of Bristol College, St Brendan's College, North Bristol Post 16 (Redland Green/Cotham Sixth form) Bristol Free School Sixth Form, Arrete (St Bede's Sixth form), GKN Aerospace, The Navy, Access Creative, Boom Satsuma, ASK apprenticeships, Bristol Rovers Community, Bristol City FC Robins Foundation, Wessex Water, On Site, Next Level Training, Baker Hughes Global Engineering, Professional Apprenticeships and more. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting you in planning your ambitious and bright futures.
- Secondly, our Y11 Information Evening led by Ms Shelton. This will be held on Thursday 21st October from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This will be a chance for all Y11 families to get top tips on preparing for exams, support for maintaining positive personal well-being throughout Y11, how the Y11 mock exams will work and an update on Y11 curriculum, homework and study opportunities. We hope this will help all Y11 families to feel confident and supported in what we know is a challenging year.

As you know, communicating effectively with parents and working together is essential to the success of all children at Blaise High School. We're really pleased with how the start of term has gone, and now we're a month into the academic year we would love to get your feedback on our first 30 days too. We have launched some key changes this year including rewards, oracy, Class Charts and significant changes to curriculum and social time as a result of no longer having to work in bubbles. We would really appreciate some feedback and invite you to complete the survey linked here. It's a short survey with an opportunity for some open comments, the survey opens today and will remain open for 2 weeks. Thanks in advance for taking part.

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I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents of our PSHE offer at Blaise. We are delighted to have a fortnightly lesson of PSHE in the curriculum for Years 7 to 11, to support the new statutory guidelines to implement Health Education (HE) and Relationship Sex Education (RSE). As a school we recognise the importance and value of delivering this curriculum, providing the young people within our school community the opportunity to learn and discuss a range of topics in a well informed and supportive environment. You can learn more about the topics being studied this year on our website: https://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/students/curriculum/pshe-curriculum

The positivity through the green "reward" points on Class Charts has continued to go from strength to strength. There are now 734 students in the double figures for positive points. As of Thursday 30th September, we had awarded a massive 17388 green points with our top achievers being:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Megan C (45)	Paige B (45)	Liana S (69)
Reece L (38)	Emily T (41)	Callum G (53)
Eden M (35)	Munachismo E (40)	Layla D (51)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Franalbert C (41)	Kelsie R-O (63)	Aiden H (133)
Gillian S (40)	Mahad M (57)	Rhys N (79)
Ryan K (41)	Aissatou K (50)	Callum T (68)

Please remember that Blaise is sharing and celebrating every day on social media, so do follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using our handle **@blaisehighsch**. We've shared some wonderful stories this week including our Open Evening, our Fun Friday languages challenge and our Y7 so check it out.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Brown Headteacher

