



KBO/JBI  
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Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back to our second term as Blaise High School, a new year and a new decade!

We have had a fantastic first week back. Our two days of inset were incredibly useful in ensuring all staff are well prepared to ensure every student has a better chance of success. Staff spent Monday at Holmleigh Park High School along with all staff from across the five secondary schools in the Greenshaw Learning Trust South West. This day focussed on subject specific knowledge and it is with great pride that staff from our school led a number of the session. This is a huge achievement as we are the newest school to join the trust, and after just one term, it is exceptional that our staff have already established their leadership roles in such a wide network. In particular, I want to thank Sam Harper, David Tushingham, Matt Standing and John Bennett who all led in sessions for their subject area. This day also involved inspiring speeches reflecting on the first term of the academic year. Thank you to Lydia Greenwood, our Assistant Headteacher, for delivering the speech for Blaise High School. She did a fantastic job, despite being nervous to speak in front of hundreds of people. Her speech was uplifting, it reminding us of our key values and had us laughing about our school dog, Gideon!

Welcoming students back on Wednesday was a real treat. Inset is very useful but we could not wait to get back to our daily routine! Students were just as excited to return and we have had a brilliant first few days back. Behaviour and attendance have been particularly impressive and I want to thank all our students for their professionalism and ambition. In particular a thank you to all the students who ensured they completed homework over the festive holiday. This has ensured that they have come back ready to go. I want to congratulate, in particular, our Year 11 Scientists who have been working so hard over the holidays on Tassomai. Below is a list of the students who answered the most Tassomai questions over the holidays.

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Lauren Hankin
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Blake Wilson
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Aimee-Jane Parsons
Mr Bird's Triple Science top student	Blake Wilson
Ms Humphrey's top student	Billy Butt
Mrs Todd's top student	Lauren Hankin
Mr Maloney's top student	Emily King
Ms Bate's top student	Julita Sela

Finally, a message about the term ahead and the extracurricular clubs on offer. Every term the PE team work hard to re-boost our extracurricular offer and in particular to reflect the changing season of sport. Below is this term's timetable.

Please encourage your child to take part in at least one activity a week. Taking part in extracurricular is fantastic for their character development including an opportunity to hone new skills, meet new people and build leadership.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b>Lunch</b> <b>13:10- 13:40</b>	Year 7 Football Training  JPP  Sports Hall	Year 9 Football Training  MCP  Sports Hall	Girls Football Training  JGP  Sports Hall	Year 8 Football Training APP  Sports Hall  <b>BTEC Sport Support- JGP- BO5</b>	All Years- Badminton/ Volleyball  APP- week 1 JGP- week 2 Sports Hall
<b>After School</b> <b>3:00-4:00</b>	Girls Football  JGP Sports Hall/ Astro  Y10 Football Training- DA	Girls Rugby  JPP Sports Hall/ Astro	Basketball All Years  APP Sports Hall  Y9&11- Football MCP Astro	Badminton/ Table Tennis JGP Sports Hall	<b>Btec Sport P6- Week 1- JGP/MCP</b>
<b>3-5:30pm</b> <b>(Approx)</b>	Y10 Fixtures		Y7, Y9, Y11 Fixtures	Y8 Fixtures	

Yours faithfully



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