



KBO/JBI  
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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope students have enjoyed their first full week back at Blaise High School.

We've given another 8108 green points this week, with 423 students managing to achieve 10 or more green points in just the last 5 days. Wow! In particular I want to say well done to Harrison as he has been top of Y7 for two weeks in a row! Our total green points given this academic year now stands at 106407 and there are now 55 students in the "200" club, well done to each of them!

Our top achievers this week have been:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Harrison W (28)	Helena S (23)	Mantas M (23)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Ryan K (24)	James N (25)	Zachary C (21)

This week, we have been focussing on the Bristol Youth Elections in our Character Programme. If you're interested to find out more about the Bristol Youth Elections, please follow [this](#) link. Members of the Bristol City Youth Council represent young people on the One City Children's Board. This board has been supporting local equalities forums which include LGBTQ+, Black and Minority Ethnic, Children in Care and Young Carers. We're incredibly proud that one of our own students Karina B (Y8) is on the ballot and standing as a candidate. We wish her lots of luck and send her our huge congratulations for getting this far in the process; which has certainly been competitive up to now. Students at Blaise High School have been able to read all the manifests of the local North Bristol candidates and use their ballot slips to make their votes in Tutor Time.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the important measures students must adhere to as part of response to Covid-19. You will be aware that changes to these measures, in particular in relation to face coverings, are happening over the course of this week in line with the end of the Plan B. The link to the full operational guidance from the Department for Education is [here](#) and a copy of their wording regarding face coverings is below

*From 20 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in classrooms. From 27 January, face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors in communal areas. From 27 January, staff and pupils should follow wider advice on face coverings outside of school, including on transport to and from school.*

What this means in Blaise is that students must continue to bring a face covering to school as it is required in transitions, roll call and indoor social spaces. From 27<sup>th</sup> January, students will no longer be required to bring a face covering. However, if students would like to continue to wear their face covering during the school day they may do so.

Other measures remain in place to control the spread of Covid-19. Parents have an important responsibility to be aware of these, so please ensure you've familiarised yourself with the updates on our website [here](#). There will be changes this week to reflect what is outlined above. The key points to remember are:

1. Ensure your child completes LF tests at home twice weekly
2. Do not send your child to school if they have a positive LF test result or any of the symptoms of Covid-19
3. Follow the [stay at home guidance](#) outlined here where required
4. Follow government guidance with regard to [vaccination](#) for 12 to 17 year olds
5. Where required, help your child to feel comfortable in our well-ventilated rooms by encouraging them to wear additional layers under their school uniform or between their blazer and shirt and to wear a school jumper.

On Monday and Tuesday, we will be hosting the local vaccination team on site. We have communicated these plans this week via our Student Services team. Unfortunately, the vaccination roll-out is a very dynamic one. I wanted to reiterate that Blaise would have preferred to have been able to share details of this with you sooner, however, we only received the details from the organisation on January 20<sup>th</sup> so communicated them to you as soon as we could. We really hope families are understanding.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown  
Headteacher