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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I hope everyone has enjoyed welcoming February and the start of Spring into our lives.

We've given another 8168 green points this week, with 415 students managing to achieve 10 or more green points and 32 students achieving over 20 green points in just the last 5 days. Wow!

We now have 5 students with over 300 Green Points. Well done to Fatima, Ismail, Darcey, Karina and Zachary!

Our total green points given this academic year now stands at 120,707 and there are now 110 students in the "200" club, well done to each of them. I want to point out Benjamin S in Y10, as he's been top of his year group for two weeks in a row, well done Ben!

Our top achievers this week have been:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Evie C (29)	Esther F (25)	Ellie-Mae J (23)
Year 10	Year 11	Resource Base
Benjamin S (21)	Curtis S (20)	Fatima A (22)

To help you understand the context of your child's green points I thought it would be helpful for you to know that this week:

- a green point score above **174** this week puts your child in the top 25%
- if they have more than **208** as of this week, they're in the top 10%

We are really excited about our first Winners' Workshop, which is being held from 3:15-4pm on Tuesday 15th February. This is an opportunity for you and your child to learn together at school. This event will be focused on Sparx and Mr Burr will be showing you how to use the website and also giving you some time to take part in some Maths with your child using our chromebooks. If you and your child would like to attend, please complete the form [here](#). If you have any questions regarding homework, please contact Mr Standing at [standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk)

Monday morning this week, we launched our Equipment Excellence campaign. Every morning, students and tutors have worked together to ensure that every single one of our students is fully equipped for the school day ahead. This started with tutors sharing how important it is for students to bring all their equipment to school each morning and to be the most ambitious and successful they can be every day.

Students are now presenting their equipment to their tutor every morning on their equipment mat, to celebrate those who have arrived at school with everything they need. This also gives tutors the opportunity to support those who have not arrived with all of their equipment, by lending them equipment that gets collected back in at the end of the day. As we continue into the coming weeks, we are excitedly waiting to see which tutor groups will win 5 ambition points each for full equipment mats all week and who will win the ultimate prize of a pizza party for their continued commitment to arriving at school with all their equipment.

To support your child and their tutor group in achieving these prizes, you can check what equipment your child is missing from their pencil cases against the Blaise High School Equipment List:

- Black or blue pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Reading book (Years 7 and 8 only)
- Knowledge organiser
- Pencil case

Project Ambition is led by Mr Bransfield through our Thrive Provision. It has stepped into gear this term with students from various years being part of a diverse range of activities and interventions. Our students have begun their journey by setting individual goals they want to work towards, from increasing their school engagement to making healthier life decisions. As a group they are working on various initiatives to help them develop their character, to be more resilient, and to be ambitious in making future choices and plans. Our pupils have been enjoying barbecues, street art workshops, gym sessions and some cooking, these activities are led within an open and safe environment to discuss and share ideas and to work through any barriers that our students feel may be in their way. As we look forward to the coming weeks, we will be welcoming in Off the Record to focus on mental health and resilience, Bristol Drugs Project to increase awareness as well as the Bristol Botanical Gardens to help us develop our outdoor space. The students that are involved have shown a great commitment. We are excited to develop our new intervention and to continue our work with our ambitious students over the coming weeks.

I wanted to share an update from Ms Harper, our Head of Performing Arts and Mrs Griffiths, our Head of PE about expectations for equipment and kit.

Ms Harper would like to remind students and parents that they are required to take off their shoes and socks to participate in their dance lessons. Performing in bare feet is the best way to ensure that students stay safe whilst working practically. Alternatively, Jazz shoes can be borrowed for those students that do not want to remove their shoes and socks. These shoes are always disinfected between lessons. Furthermore, if any students wish to have their own personal Jazz shoes, there are a number of dance websites that these can be purchased from at a very reasonable price. Here are some you may want to explore:

<https://www.dancedirect.com/dance-shoes/jazz-shoes/full-sole-jazz-shoes>

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=jazz+dance+shoes&crd=26DPBO33FPQ26&sprefix=jazz+dance+shoes+%2Caps%2C100&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=jazz+dance+shoes&crd=26DPBO33FPQ26&sprefix=jazz+dance+shoes+%2Caps%2C100&ref=nb_sb_noss_2)

<https://www.movedancewear.com/dance-shoes/jazz-shoes/>  
<https://www.katz-dancewear.co.uk/category.php?category=282&name=Jazz%20Shoes>

Mrs Griffiths would like to remind students and parents that ALL students need to bring their PE kit to each lesson (you can see when the PE lesson is on ClassCharts by checking the timetable), even if they are sick or injured, they are still required to bring their kit and get changed. This is so that they can take on the role of a coach or official and be dressed appropriately for the conditions. If students forget their kit, they may borrow what they need from our school supply.

This kit is washed between each use and is perfectly safe. If we do not have appropriate kit for the students to borrow, they can and must still participate in the lesson.

Refusing to take part in a PE or Dance lesson as a result of not complying with expectations to change shoes/socks or wear kit won't be possible. We want all students to participate and engage positively in the high energy dance and PE lessons, and expect them to do so every time. Sport and Dance at Blaise High School is incredibly popular. In fact, did you know that this week alone 736 Green Points were awarded from these two subjects alone? That's one in ten of all green points awarded! Please support your child to participate fully in these exceptional areas of our school.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully,



**Ms K Brown**  
**Headteacher**