



# **Blaise High School Resource Base Information Booklet**

## Overview

The Resource Base is for students with Moderate Learning Difficulties working at least 5 years behind their chronological age. We have one class in each year group from Year 7 to Year 11 and a combined class in Post 16 for years 12 and 13. We provide a differentiated curriculum to that of the mainstream school with high levels of adult support.

All students in the Resource Base have an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and entry to the Base is through the council via a consultation process.

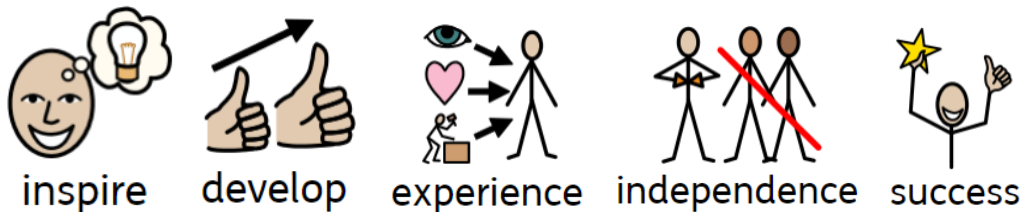
If you would like to visit the Resource Base please make an appointment by contacting the school on 0117 9030100.



## Curriculum

The Resource Base curriculum focuses on 5 key concepts:

- **Inspire** students to develop a curiosity and interest in learning.
- **Develop** students skills and academics.
- **Experience** new things inside and outside of the classroom.
- **Independence**; getting students to be as independent as possible.
- **Success**; all students achieving qualifications and moving on to an appropriate place after leaving Blaise.



All students at Blaise High School are climbing their own personal mountains towards their chosen careers and support them to become as independent as possible.



### Key Stage 3

The Key Stage 3 curriculum is based around a different Topic each term; subjects such as English, science, humanities, and art will be linked to this theme. Students will also take part in maths, catering, PSHE and performing arts lessons. Once a fortnight students will have an Outdoor Learning session where they can play and take part in activities around caring for the environment.

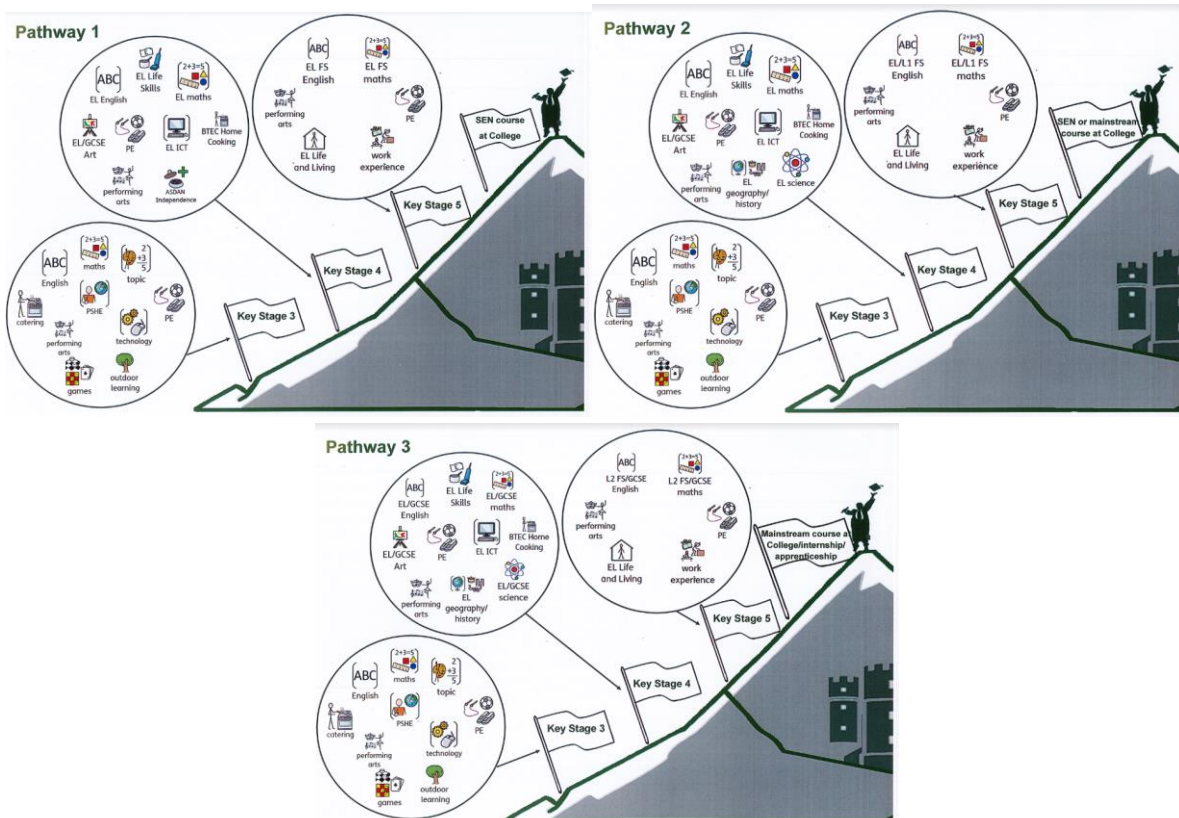
Year Group	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
7	Chocolate - Science focus	Festivals - RE focus	Time Machine - History focus; The Normans and Tudors	Trees - Science focus	Holidays - Geography focus	Superheros - Science focus
8	Lego	Time Machine - History focus; Victorians and World War 2	Animals - Science focus	Changes - Science focus	Oceans	Bristol - local study (History and geography)
9	The UK - geography focus	Theatre	Space - Science focus	Time Machine - History focus; Civil rights (Suffragettes and black civil rights)	Dinosaurs and extinction	The Future

#### Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4 students work towards Entry Level Qualifications within the Resource Base. At Key Stage 4 we allocate a pathway to support students on their journey up the mountain with specific qualifications to work towards to support them.

#### Key Stage 5

In Key Stage 5 students will complete Functional Skills qualifications in English, maths and a life skills qualification, the level at which they complete will depend on the pathway they are on. There are lots of work experience options at Key Stage 5 with the focus on helping students prepare for their future and life after year 13.



Curriculum overviews and Pathways can be found on the school website.

All year groups take part in the school's Tutor Time Reading Programme where every morning students read alongside their tutor and share in literature.

## Interventions

Within the Resource Base there are a range of interventions which may happen depending on the needs of the individual student. Interventions are either delivered because they are stated in students EHCPs or because a need has been identified by staff working with the student. Some interventions are delivered to the whole class as all students would benefit and the class sizes are small enough to accommodate this, for example handwriting, typing skills, and literacy intervention.

If interventions are needed which are not carried out in the classroom students will be withdrawn and work in small groups or 1:1 for the duration of the intervention. Advice will be sought where needed from outside professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists or Occupational Therapists as needed or additional referrals may be made.

## Staff List

Sammy Nutt	Head of Resource Base/SENCO
Jim Harvey	SLT Resource Base Link
Tanya Buckley	SEND Teacher
Kayley Cook	SEND Teacher
Trish Hopkins	Post 16 Manager & Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)
Helen Moody	Resource Base Admin
Sarah Cleary	Specialist Teaching Assistant
Sunny Newton	Specialist Teaching Assistant
Yutong Zhou	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Gemma Patten	Personal Care Assistant
Rachael Collingbourne	Teaching Assistant
Steve Flew	Teaching Assistant
Aga Gredzinska	Teaching Assistant
Maciej Gredzinski	Teaching Assistant
Katie Oliver	Teaching Assistant
Jane Parker-Smith	Teaching Assistant
Molly Ramsey	Teaching Assistant
Kayleigh Scott	Teaching Assistant
Sianna Starr	Teaching Assistant
Silvia Stofova	Teaching Assistant
Heidi Wakley	Teaching Assistant
Sarah Young	Teaching Assistant

## Communication

Within the Resource Base we use the app Seesaw as our main method of communication with parents. Teachers send out reminders and messages to which you can reply. Students are also able to upload work and photos to share their learning. Login details will be sent home so you can sign up to Seesaw.



School also send texts and emails to communicate with parents and send out letters.

We use Bromcom to monitor students' behaviour. Ready For Learning (RFL) green points are awarded for good work and every lesson there is a Golden Ticket worth 5 points for one student. Students have RFL cards so they can earn green points in the corridors and at social times. At the end of each big term there are Gold, Silver and Bronze Rewards for students based on the number of points they have. RFL Red Points are also given for certain behaviours.

Login details will be sent home so you can see the points your child receives.





In addition to the yearly Annual Review we report home 3 times a year on students progress and offer the opportunity for parents to talk to class teachers about their child's progress in different subjects.

## Getting to and from school

At the start and end of the day the Resource Base students are collected and taken to the school's car park where they are met by parents, dismissed to walk home or get on council transport.

Transport is provided by City of Bristol Council and is not dealt with by school. If you think your child may be entitled to school transport please go on the City of Bristol Council website and search for 'School Transport Support' where there is information and details of how to apply. Alternatively use the details below:

Email: [home.school.travel@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:home.school.travel@bristol.gov.uk)

Phone: 0117 903 7672



## Homework

Every day the teacher will post 3 questions for students to answer on Seesaw, these questions are based on that day's learning. Students also have access to a programme called IDL which has literacy and numeracy activities to work through. Students are also encouraged to read daily and record in their planners.



At Key Stage 4 and 5 additional homework or revision may be given to support with getting students ready for qualifications.

## Extracurricular Activities

Learning outside of the classroom is an important part of the curriculum in the Resource Base as it brings learning to life and helps students develop their skills.

At Key Stage 3 as part of each termly topic each class tries to do one trip linked to the area of study. There are also additional activities which happen each year such as watersports, inclusive cycling or sessions in school to develop teamwork.



In Key Stage 4 students take part in trips linked to their area of study to support their learning. At Key Stage 5 trips are centred around developing confidence and resilience and regular work experience opportunities.



Every year the Resource Base holds a Residential Trip where students have the opportunity to build their social and independence skills while trying new activities.



During Year 10 there is an opportunity to sign up to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.



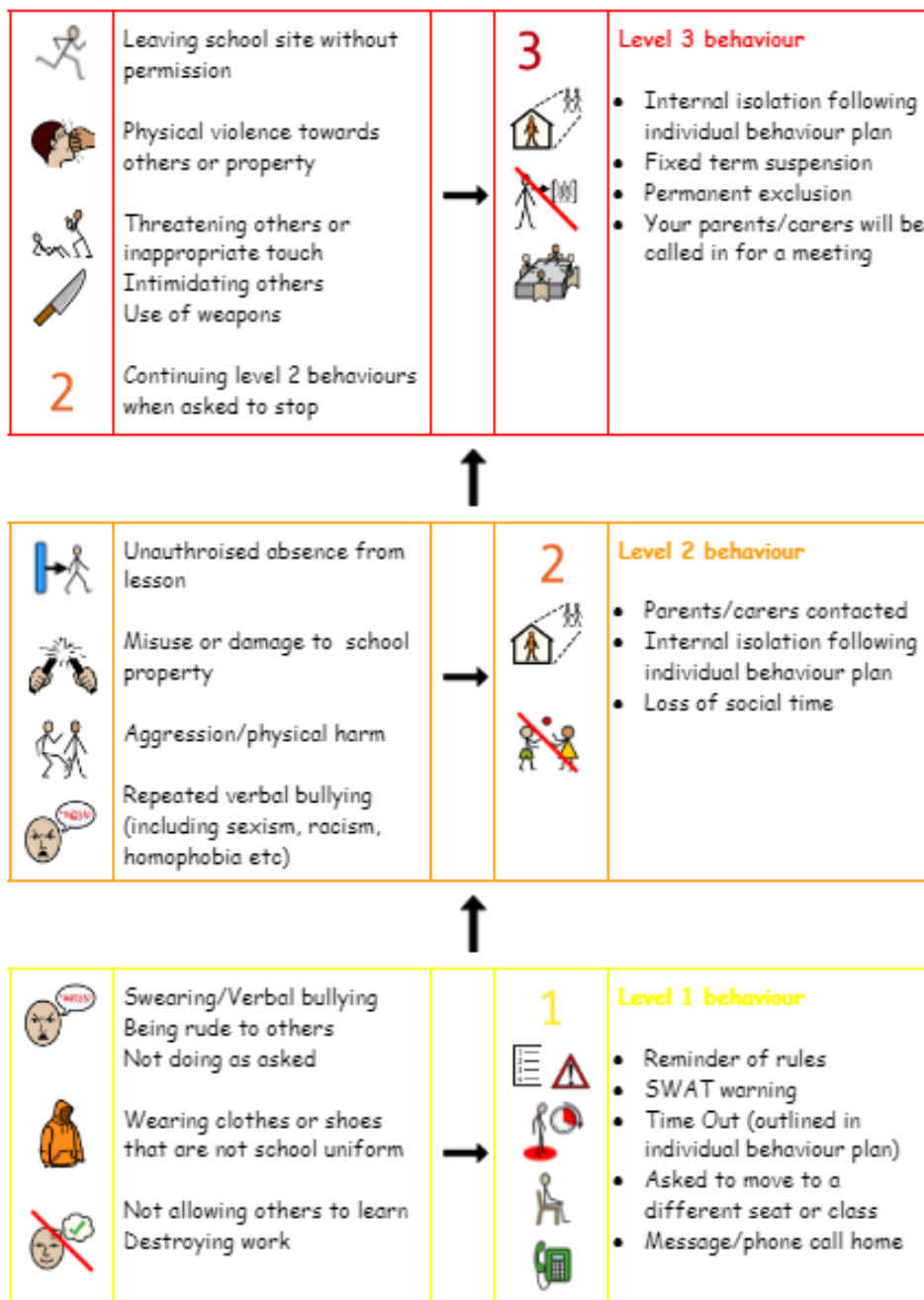
The school puts on activities which students can join; there is a weekly Fun Friday where every week there is a new activity as well as lunchtime and after school clubs which students can join if they want to. Students in the Resource Base take part in year group and whole school activities with the wider school.

# Behaviour

We follow the school's behaviour system based on calm lessons. We will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all students are successful learners whilst keeping high expectations.

We have a small Sensory Room within school where students can go to have some calm time when they are feeling overwhelmed.

Resource Base Behaviour Flowchart



## Uniform

Within the Resource Base there is a choice of uniform; students can choose to wear the main school uniform but we realise for some of our students with additional needs this can be challenging so there is an alternative Resource Base uniform which is also available. Students must choose one or the other to wear.

### Main School Uniform

The main school uniform can be purchased at **Monkhouse**

- Blaise High School logoed blazer
- Blaise High School green and black tie
- Plain white shirt
- Blaise High School jumper (optional)
- Plain black trouser or Blaise High School tartan kilt.
- Plain black socks or plain black or opaque tights.
- Plain black school shoes.
- Plain black belt (optional)
- Headscarves must be plain black or dark green (optional)



Additional information can be found in the BHS Uniform and Equipment Policy on the school's website.

## Alternative Resource Base Uniform

If students will not feel comfortable in the main school uniform then the following is an alternative for Resource Base students, this uniform can be purchased **directly from school**.

- Blaise High School logoed jumper.
- Plain white polo shirt.
- Blaise High School logoed joggers or plain black school trousers.
- Plain black trainers or plain black school shoes.
- Plain black socks.
- Headscarves must be plain black or dark green (optional)



Size options:

Jumper - £16 Junior sizes, £19.20 Adult sizes

Size	JXS	JS	JM	JL	JXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Age	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/11	12/14					
Chest (Inch)	16	17	18	19	20	34/36	38/40	42/44	46/48	50/52

Trousers - £20 Junior sizes, £24 Adult sizes

Size	JS	JM	JL	JXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Age	8/9	10/11	12/13	13/14						
Waist (Inch)	22/24	24/26	26/28	28/30	30/32	32/34	34/36	36/38	38/40	40/42

Post 16 Resource Base Uniform

- Blaise High School Post 16 hoodie.
- Any trousers



- Any shoes

### PE Kit

The Resource Base PE kit is the same as the mainstream school and is outlined in the BHS Uniform and Equipment Policy on the school's website and official kit can be purchased at **Monkhouse**.

- Blaise High School logoed black shorts OR plain black shorts. There is also a logoed skirt option OR plain black sports skirt.
- Blaise High School sports polo shirt or Blaise High School rugby shirt.
- Blaise High School logoed tracksuit bottoms OR plain black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings bottoms.
- Blaise High School tracksuit top (optional).
- Any sports trainers.



### Jewellery

Allowed jewellery is outlined below:

- Wristwatch
- Maximum of one plain gold or silver stud earrings worn in each earlobe.

### Hair

- No extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours are allowed, this includes tramlines or mohicans or dip dyes.
- Hair accessories must be plain in colour and should not be decorative.

### Make-up

- Not permitted in year 7 and 8.
- From year 9 discrete make up can be worn but should look natural.

- No nail varnish or false nails/tips.



[www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

Monkhouse local store:

## Bedminster

140 East Street  
Bedminster  
Bristol  
BS3 4EW

01173 746408

Email Address:

[bedminster.shop@monkhouse.com](mailto:bedminster.shop@monkhouse.com)



## Opening Hours

Monday	9AM - 5PM
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9AM - 5PM
Thursday	9AM - 5PM
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9AM - 5PM
Sunday	CLOSED

## Personal Care

Some students in the Resource Base have Personal Care needs stated on their EHCP; this could involve physiotherapy, hydrotherapy or support with toileting.

If exercises are required this will be detailed in the student's EHCP and carried out, after training, from the physiotherapist and/or Occupational Therapist assigned to the student. If Manual Handling is required for this it will be completed by trained members of staff and there will always be 2 members of staff present.

If a student requires toileting support or any other personal care needs training will be given to staff prior to this and 2 members of staff present at all times.

## Social Times

The Resource Base students go to break and lunch slightly earlier than the mainstream school to ensure the students can get their food and get settled. Students can have school dinners or bring their own packed lunch. School dinners are provided by Clever Chefs and the menu can be found on the school website.

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At social times one Resource Base classroom is open to students if they want to spend their time inside in a quiet space. Students are also welcome to go outside at this time; the Muga is a designated space for Resource Base students however they can go to the same spaces as the mainstream students if they want to.