



NNO/JBI
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Dear Blaise Families,

I am delighted to be writing to you at the end of the second unit of the year and the beginning of the Easter break. It has been fantastic to see all of the children continuing to work incredibly hard; exemplifying our values of aspiration, integrity and pride as they climb their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. The children have done so well this year, and I am immensely proud to be Headteacher of such a fantastic school, in such a strong and vibrant community.

My particular highlights have been seeing Year 11 really rise to the occasion in their mock exams and their additional revision sessions. It was wonderful to see over 600 students participate in our rewards experiences and particularly the roller disco as recognition of their exceptional hard work and effort in school. The Resource Base continues to succeed and progress and are now in the regional finals for the table top cricket competition, if we are successful there then we will travel to Lords cricket ground for the national finals. We are all very much behind them

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a number of items in preparation for the summer term.

Uniform Policy

Please find attached an addendum to the uniform policy regarding shorts. Students may wear tailored black shorts that land at the knee and have a single pleat / crease down the front. This will provide flexibility in warmer weather. Other uniform expectations remain the same. These shorts must be smart, black, tailored, without a logo and not cargo - style. If in doubt, please contact us prior to purchasing.

Mobile Phones

I would like to remind everyone that mobile phones must be stored out of sight and switched off during the school day. If a student is seen with a phone it will be confiscated until a parent can collect it. This is non - negotiable. If students need to contact home they should do so via student services at break or lunch. Students who use their phones to contact home independently will have their phone confiscated. There is no cause for students to use their personal mobile phones at school and the overuse of mobile phones is damaging for the mental health of children. If it is an emergency we will always contact home.

Academic Review Afternoons

We will hold academic review afternoons on the 22nd June for Key Stage 3 and the 12th July for Year 10. Mr Harvey and Ms Shelton will be in contact with further detail after Easter. They will run from 13:00 - 16:00 and students will be dismissed from school at 12:30 on both days.

Curriculum Updates

Ms Shelton will write to parents with a curriculum update in the first week of the next unit.



Easter School

A reminder that we are open over the Easter break for Year 11 additional classes. We know that every second with teachers counts and we want to do everything that we can to ensure Year 11 leave with the best results that the school has ever had. Please see the timetable below.

	AM sessions (8:40-11:40)					PM sessions (12:00-15:00)				
Monday 3rd April	English DAC	Maths - Foundatio n CEM	Sport JGP	Graphics/ Art JBA SAA	Drama HCC	English DAC	Graphics/ Art JBA SAA			
Tuesday 4th April	Independent revision GSB	Dance ZGO	Computer Science MSO	Graphics/ Art JBA/SAA	History MSH	Music ZGO	Geograph y CMH	Computer Science MSO	Graphics/ Art JBA	History MSH
Wednesday 5th April	Science RTS SBO	History MSH				Science RTS SBO	History MSO			
Thursday 6th April	Independent revision GSB	Health and Social Care LGO								
Wednesday 12th April	Independent revision JSO	History ZHH								
Thursday 13th April	Maths - Higher JSO	French SLC	Spanish JMC	Media TWV		Independen t revision JSO	Media TWV	Geograph y CMH		

Holiday Homework

Students must complete 50 definitions from unit 2 self-quizzing alongside completing one assignment of Sparx maths work. The 50 self-quizzing definitions should be from content they found hard to help them learn this important knowledge. As always with self-quizzing, students need to use the “look, cover, write, check” method and check with their green pen. Students will need to show their self-quizzing and Sparx work in TTRP on the first morning back.

Next Term.

A reminder that Monday 17th April is an INSET day, 18th April Year 11 and the Resource Base will return and the entire school will return on the 19th April, at normal time. We have lots of exciting things coming up next term; our house system starts, our student voice survey will take place, sports day, our academic review afternoons and Year 11 will sit their GCSEs.

I wish the entire community a very pleasant holiday period and look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

Please find a video summary of this letter [here](#).

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher