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Dear Blaise families,

It is great to write to you at the end of half term 5 to celebrate the highlights of this half term and look ahead and forwards to the summer term and end of this academic year. It has been a whirlwind of a half term and has gone faster than any this year. We have seen some incredible highlights and as ever the students have been exceptional in their conduct and effort in the school. We hosted a visit from the CEO of The Greenshaw Learning Trust in the final week of term who commented on how the behaviour of our students was exemplary and an example to many other schools. We should all be very proud of the children here.

This half term, we have seen our Resource Base table top cricket team compete in the regional finals. This is an incredible achievement given that they were brand new to the sport. I am very proud of how well they did. Our Post 16 Resource Base students have also continued their work experience placements, this time at Elmtree Farm and we have had very positive feedback from them regarding this. We also took the entire Resource Base cohort to watch the wheelchair rugby championships in Cardiff, along with a number of students completing the Duke of Edinburgh award.

We entered two teams in the Ten tors challenge and they performed exceptionally well. This is a national competition, in which our children compete against themselves and against teams from some of the most expensive fee paying schools in the country. We are very proud of them and very grateful to all of the staff and parents involved for their support and effort.

We had a Year 9 team in the Young Enterprise final on May 4th. This is a competition predominantly entered by VI form students and our students not only held their own but actually won a prize! This is a phenomenal achievement and one we are exceptionally proud of. We look forward to seeing this develop as part of the school in the future.

We have launched our House System and it has been fantastic to see children competing and house rounders happening this week. The current standings are below but we expect this to change over the course of the next half term. Remember, you have to be in it to win it! The current leading house has the best attendance. Attendance at school is essential for success.

Everest - 1st	Kilimanjaro - 3rd	Elbrus - 2nd
282 553	268 151	278 641

And of course, the GCSE exams have started for Year 11. We commend every single one of them for their exceptional effort during this period. We recognise how challenging it is and how much stamina it takes but we hope that both the community and the children understand that we are with them and we believe in them every step of the way. English Language is on June 5th and we look forward to seeing everyone here for their warm up from 8am. A reminder that we are open over the holidays for Year 11 and that every single second counts at this stage. They have a nice, long summer ahead of them and we would urge them to make the most of any opportunity to be with their teachers before the exams.



	AM (8:40-11:40)			PM (12:00-3:00)		
Tuesday 30th May	Science	Triple Science		Science	Triple Science	
Wednesda y 31st May	Geography	Independen t Revision	French	Geography	French	History
Thursday 1st June	Maths			Independen t Revision	History	
Friday 2nd June	English			English		

The final half term of the summer sees a number of exciting events, many of which we will invite parents to. We have our Academic Review Afternoons for Years 7 - 9 on 22nd June and Year 10 on the 12th July. We will write with further details in due course but we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sports Day will be on the 6th July and again, we will write with further details in due course. We will also host another, even bigger, enrichment showcase on the 13th July.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we adapted the uniform policy so that students can wear black, tailored shorts with their uniform in order to provide comfort when it is warmer. These can be purchased from any high street retailer, however they shouldn't have cargo style pockets. Shorts designed for golf are acceptable as long as they are free from branding. We will update students regarding blazers during the day, however unless we indicate otherwise students should come to school in blazers. Thus far we have told students at break time that they may remove their blazers. Jumpers are not compulsory and we would recommend that students don't wear them when it is hot.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support as we take Blaise High School to becoming one of the very best schools in the country. I hope that everyone has a lovely half term (and the weather stays nice!) and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

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

Yours faithfully,



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