

KBO/JBI
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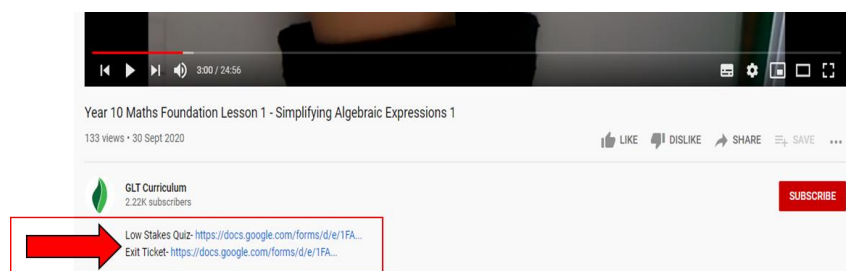
Dear Parents / Carers,

I want to start by thanking the staff of Blaise High School for the tremendous effort they have made this week and their flexibility and dedication in the face of an unprecedented week of change and challenge for schools across the UK.

I also want to thank all the parents who have been supporting their children with home schooling. We know this isn't easy but we hope that you've found the resources we've prepared have enabled students to access learning both successfully and independently as much as possible.

Next week we continue with the remote curriculum and you'll find attached the links for the week ahead. I wanted to clarify the expectations for working:

1. Students are expected to **complete 5 (6 in year 11) lessons per day**
2. The majority of lessons are on YouTube and students are expected to **follow the video, including pausing and completing the tasks in writing**
3. Students in year 11 will find all their lessons on Google Classrooms and students in year 10 will find their option subjects on Google Classrooms. For more support with using the platform effectively have a look at the advice on our website here:
<http://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/students/curriculum/remote-learning>
4. The lessons also include a **Low Stakes Quiz and Exit Ticket**. These are designed to check student understanding and can be found in the description box of the video. These is shown below:



5. Every week there will be a further check for understanding which we call **"The Weekly Check"**. The link to the weekly check is also on the attachment. **This is a task that all students must complete**. This has 2 sections:
 - a. Questions about how your child is getting on including how they are finding their learning
 - b. Questions which check the knowledge they should have learned in all their subjects that week

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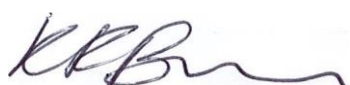
The questions in section b will be marked immediately and you'll be able to review how well your child is doing

6. At least once per week a member of staff, usually your child's tutor, will call to **discuss how their remote learning** is going. During this conversation the staff member will also be reviewing with you the results of their "Weekly Check". Any student who is having difficulty engaging in remote learning will receive additional phone calls to help support them to have better chance of success.

As well as your remote learning there are some further important notices for us to share:

1. At school we run **Fun Friday** weekly for students as well as wider **Character Development** opportunities. These won't stop because school is closed! This week I would like to share a brilliant remote Film Club that Mr Vowles is running for all students to engage in, you can find out more here:
<https://www.blaisehighschool.co.uk/students/clubs/pe-extra-curricular-activities>
2. We will continue to distribute free school meal lunches to those families entitled to **Free School Meals**. Distribution for the second week of supply will happen on Monday 11th from 11:30am to 1pm. Families entitled will receive a text to remind.
3. Planned **rapid asymptomatic testing will no longer go-ahead next week** as a result of the school closure. Testing on-site continues only for those working on site, including staff and students.
4. If your child requires **additional stationery** to support with their remote learning. For example, exercise books to complete their written tasks then these are available to collect from reception on any week day from 9am to 3pm.
5. If you have any queries about your lessons or any other remote activities you can contact specialist staff directly by email. Please find attached to this email a grid showing the email addresses and responsibility of key staff.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown
Headteacher