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Dear Blaise Families,

Students have been working hard learning the key words and definitions in their Knowledge Organisers as part of their Self-Quizzing homework, using the process of look, cover, write and check. Knowing this vocabulary is fundamental in order to make excellent progress on the climb up their personal mountain to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing.

I am writing to explain how your child will be assessed and ranked as a result of their attainment at the end of Unit 3, in preparation for Unit 1 which begins in September. Assessments will be held from the **26th June to the 7th July**.

The assessments are designed for students to demonstrate their learning throughout the year. All questions are taken directly from the Unit 3 Knowledge Organiser. Students will have one assessment lesson per subject containing between 10 and 50 words. Students will be asked to write the correct keyword for the given definition. For Maths questions students will be asked to work out the answer.

If your child is absent, we will run a catch up opportunity for exceptional circumstances during the assessment window, however please be aware that once the assessment window has closed, no more assessments can take place. This is to allow the group sizes and reports to be finalised. If there are unavoidable situations that means your child misses school during this period please contact me so we can attempt to arrange assessments, however at this stage we cannot promise that every assessment will be caught up. If a teacher is absent we will endeavour to run the assessment as normal with a different teacher. We will contact you if this is not possible.

During the assessment fortnight, students can choose which subject they wish to self-quiz on each night. This is to ensure they are fully prepared. For example, if they have their Science assessment on Tuesday, then on Monday evening they should complete their self-quiz on Science. They may also wish to complete additional pages of self-quizzing to ensure that they confidently know the key words and vocabulary in their Knowledge Organisers. Effective self-quizzing uses the process of Look, Cover, Write and Check. Please review our video [here](#), to see what it looks like in action. We also run a homework club in the library each day from 3-3.30pm which is staffed by our teaching team to provide additional support.

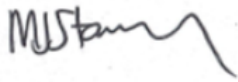
Your child has received an assessment timetable outlining when their assessments will be. You will also find a copy on our [website](#), as well as an electronic version of the knowledge organisers. You can find the relevant class codes on your child's timetable.



We will share reports in the final week of term which show how much progress your child has made against their starting position in these assessments. These are the results we attribute the most importance to, how much progress a child has made against their starting position, not against their peers. You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher at our academic review afternoon on the 22nd June.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email using [standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Standing', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr M Standing**  
Assistant Headteacher