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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you all to wish you a very pleasant summer and to thank you for all of your support over this academic year. The children of this school are an absolute credit to this community; and to you and I hope that everyone is very proud of them. Throughout the year the school has improved no end, mainly thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff and children and it has been wonderful to see this. It is an absolute privilege to be Headteacher of this school and the events this term have really cemented for us all, just how brilliant the children here are; be that whilst on Rewards Trips, Resource Base Residential, or Sports Day.

There are a number of dates below that it is important that everyone is aware of, if you are not already.

<b>24th August</b>	GCSE Results Day. Arrangements already sent to Y11 parents, please find <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>25th August</b>	Year 7 Summer School.
<b>1st September</b>	INSET Day
<b>4th September</b>	INSET Day
<b>5th September</b>	Y7 First Day at School, including Resource Base. Gates will open for breakfast at 8am
<b>6th September</b>	Y11 Mainstream and Y9/10/11/Post 16 Resource Base return to School
<b>7th September</b>	All remaining mainstream students (8,9,10) return to school

The term dates for the year are available on the school [website](#). Please do check them, particularly for INSET dates for the coming academic year. Please also review the adapted times of the day [here](#). As with the end of every school year, there are a number of staffing changes. We say goodbye and an enormous thank you, to the following colleagues who will be leaving for new challenges: Ms Greenwood, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Davies, Mrs Proven, Mr Pearce and Mr Linnell. I am extremely grateful to all of them for their service to the school and the community and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Ms Greenwood is moving into a role for The Greenshaw Learning Trust, as such she will still be at the school regularly. We are very excited to welcome a number of new members of staff to us next year and I will introduce you to them all at the end of the summer.

I would also like to remind everyone that next year the school day will finish at 15:05, with an additional five minutes added on to lunch time. Please also note that next year we will be using the gate on the pedestrian path that runs behind the school. Children and families can access the path via station road or Marissal Road. We feel that this will be a safer entry and exit and will prevent children from entering and exiting the school on a busy road. If your child cycles to school they should enter the site from the same path. Please send them to school with a helmet and a bike lock. Students will wheel their bikes to the new bike hoops and will wheel them off site. There is no cycling permitted on site.



### **Uniform and Equipment**

We have removed a pair of compasses from the equipment list and would not expect students to have them in September. Our students and your children are exceptionally well presented and equipped and this has been a real pleasure to see this year. Please check the website for uniform requirements and particularly PE kit. All students should have green football socks for PE. These can be plain green, of any shade or the Blaise ones. If students wear leggings or bottoms they can wear plain black socks as they will not be visible. For any queries regarding this please contact Ms Davey. Please be mindful of hair cuts / dyes / nails / piercings over the summer holidays. Our expectations are clear on the website and it would be a shame for summer haircuts or piercings to not meet expectations in September. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have any questions at all regarding this. Please note that next year, when moving from lesson to lesson, we will ask students to carry with them their whiteboards and pencil cases in their hands. This will mean they start work straight away when they arrive at their next lesson.

Thank you again for all of your support this year. The school is well on the way to becoming one of the very best in the country and I hope that everyone feels very proud of this. A reminder that our parent survey is open for feedback and can be accessed [here](#).

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

Wishing you all the best for the summer, I will write to you all again, towards the end of the summer break. Here is a nice photo from Sports Day to round the year off.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Nabarro'.

**Mr N Nabarro**  
Head Teacher