



MSG/JBW
21 November 2023

Dear Blaise Families,

Year 10 have worked exceptionally hard since beginning their GCSE courses. Every member of staff in the school has been impressed with the level of pride they are taking in their work, and the aspiration that they are demonstrating in their attitude to learning. We know that the effort and hard work they are currently putting into their studies will lead to excellent outcomes at the end of Year 11.

Assessments will be held from the **27th November to the 8th December 2023**. Over the assessment fortnight, each GCSE subject will run one 45 minute assessment. This assessment will be based on the content taught in Year 10. This includes the following subjects:

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Spanish

BTEC subjects and Art will report progress using a current performance grade based on all work completed this year.

If your child is absent, we will aim to run catch up opportunities during the assessment window, however please be aware that after 8th December, no more assessments can take place. Students should attend school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances, if there are unavoidable situations that means your child misses school during this period please email me so we can attempt to arrange assessments. However 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.

Your child has received an **assessment timetable** outlining when their assessments will be. To ensure that they are fully prepared for each assessment, we produce **Assessment Manifests**. These are designed to outline the key topics and specific revision resources to help them revisit the content. As a parent/carer, you can support your child by ensuring that they spend 1 hour a night revising these topics during the assessment period. You can also find a copy on our [website](#).



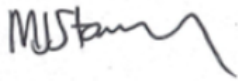
On 5th January, your child's Unit 1 Assessment Report will be shared on the MCAS app. This will show how well your child has performed in each subject. The rank order position shows your child's position for all students that study that subject. For example, if they are 1/180 in English, they achieved the highest percentage on their assessment in that subject. Students may move groups in Maths, English and Science, depending on the percentage achieved. We have 6 groups - B,L,A,I,S and E. Moving in Maths, won't necessarily mean that they move in English for example.

On 8th January, students will receive their new timetables with their new Maths, English and Science groups.

There is a video summary of this letter [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email using 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
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