



SBE/JBW

1st February 2024

Dear Year 7 and 8 Blaise Families,

We are writing to invite you into school to see, in person, your children excellently demonstrating our values of Aspiration, Integrity and Pride.

We are inviting you to join us on a short tour of our morning routines. You will be able to see our school in action through Blaise Breakfasts, Line Up and TTRP.

Wednesday 7th February 2024

To confirm attendance please complete [this](#) Google Form.

You will be met at the main gate along the path linking Marissal Road and Station Road by a member of our Senior Leadership Team at 08:15, who will sign you in and be your guide for the morning. All parents will need to sign out by 09:15.

For further information about what you can expect to see in our morning routines, please see below. We can't wait to welcome you into our school.

Line Ups

At Blaise High School we line up, as an entire school, in the morning, after break and after lunch. Blaise High School has over 900 students on roll, including 40 students with significant additional needs in our resource base centre, and a number of students in wheelchairs. Line Up ensures for all students there is a very clear distinction between social time and lessons. There are 3 external doors which can be used to enter the building from the courtyard. In order to ensure a safe, calm, purposeful entry to lessons we all line up. The Resource Base students are then able to enter.

Students are given a signal, which is one whistle, to go to their lines and two minutes later a second whistle is blown for silence. The first five students who are ready in each line all receive green points on their RfL cards. The line ups are silent to ensure that the entry to lessons is silent, purposeful, and quick. We have all students off the courtyard and in lessons within five minutes. As with everything, we do this because we want to maximise lesson times and ensure that every student has the very best opportunity to climb their own personal mountain to the best universities in the country or career of their choosing. We use these collective moments to share important messages, celebrate successes and praise students for their demonstration of our values.

We also know that bullying often happens in the time spent transitioning to lessons. We use line ups to reduce the risk of bullying and to ensure that children are safe when entering the building. Each student is still greeted with 'Good Morning or Good Afternoon' at the door of each classroom.

Tutor Time Reading Programme

At Blaise High School, we have an extended tutor time in the morning. Our morning tutor time session runs from 8:45am - 9:25am. One of these sessions per week is an assembly and the other four are used for our fantastic tutor time reading programme. We also use this time to check that everyone has the right



equipment and to replace equipment that is missing. A student will only get detention if they miss 3 pieces of equipment in a week. All of our students use a 30cm pencil case because this is what is required in public exams and it prepares students for this. Their equipment is carried from lesson to lesson in these pencil cases alongside their new Blaise folders.

During the Tutor Time Reading Programme (TTRP), students are read to by their tutor and they follow the reading by tracking with a ruler. All of the evidence is clear that students' reading ages improve, and the process is faster if they are read to, rather than if they read independently. Our selection of books is chosen across Greenshaw Learning Trust and is diverse, inclusive and culturally representative. Over the course of five years students will access phenomenal volume and quality of literature, increasing their cultural capital and developing their reading ages. We know that the ability to read fluently is essential in ensuring students achieve the very best outcomes possible. The leaders of the school walk the building during TTRP and go in and read to students as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at bates@blaisehighschool.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 7th February for our open line up.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Headteacher - Character



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