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Dear Blaise Families,

Before half term, we sent you information about the Year 9 Unit 3 English, Maths and Science assessments. In these three subjects, students will sit exams containing GCSE questions in the Sports hall. The English and Science exams are both 60 minutes. The Maths exam is 90 minutes.

This letter is about the assessments in **all other subjects**. It also explains how we will decide your child's new classes for September.

Unit 3 assessments in all subjects apart from English, Maths and Science

From **Monday 17th June to Friday 28th June***students will have one assessment lesson per subject. They will be asked to write the correct keyword for the given piece of knowledge.

*The 9E Art assessment will take place outside the window, on Tuesday 2nd July

Most assessments will contain 40 questions and will last for 25 minutes. In each assessment, most questions are taken directly from the Unit 3 Knowledge Organiser. The Unit 3 Knowledge Organiser contains a mixture of new knowledge for this unit, and knowledge from Units 1 and 2. In addition, a small number of questions may be taken from the previous Knowledge Organisers. This gives students the chance to end the year knowing everything from the last 10 months!

Your child should self-quiz using the Unit 3 Knowledge Organiser each night as normal. In addition to this, they can access the previous Knowledge Organisers from across the year on our [website](#), as well as using their copies at home. From **Thursday 13th June until Thursday 27th June**, your child can choose their self-quizzing each day, to ensure they are fully prepared for each upcoming assessment.

We also offer support for self-quizzing in Base Camp, every **Monday-Thursday at 3-3:30pm**.

It is vital that your child attends school for all of their assessments, just as they should do every day. If there is an unavoidable situation that means your child will miss school during their assessments, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk with the subject 'Unit 3 assessments' so we can try to rearrange. Unfortunately, if a student is on holiday, we will not be able to catch up on missed assessments. The best way to ensure that your child accesses all assessments is by helping them to be in school on time every day.

On **Thursday 13th June**, your child will receive an assessment timetable outlining when their assessments will be (as well as their assessment manifest for English, Maths and Science). You can already find a copy of the timetable here on our [website](#) - we will update this during the assessment window with any rearranged assessments due to staff absence.

If you have any questions about the assessments, [this](#) link contains FAQs.

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Ranking and reports

On **Friday 12th July**, your child's Unit 3 Assessment Report will be shared on the MCAS app during the afternoon. Your child will also receive a printed report to bring home. This will show how well your child has performed in each subject and overall.

The Subject Rank shows your child's position in the year group for that subject. For example, if they have a rank of 35 in Geography, they achieved the 35th highest percentage on their assessment in that subject - we have roughly 180 students in each year group, so a rank of 35 would represent a very good outcome.

For English, Maths and Science, you will be able to see the percentage your child achieved on their assessment that they will sit in the Sports Hall.

Classes in Year 10 are different to classes in Y7-9 due to each child having individual options choices. In September, students will not be in the same class group for each subject like they have been throughout each Unit in Y7-9. We will use your child's performance across all Unit 3 assessments to determine their September class in each GCSE subject. Your child will receive their new timetable with their new classes when they arrive back to school in September.

If you haven't signed up for the MCAS app, please find information [here](#) on our website. If you require further support, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk with the subject 'MCAS app'.

Key dates

From **today**, you can access the assessment timetable and Knowledge Organisers from across the year on our website

On **Thursday 13th June**, your child will receive their printed copy of the assessment timetable and their assessment manifest. There will be a video on our website about how they should use the assessment manifest. Students can choose what subject(s) they self-quiz each night.

On **Monday 17th June**, assessments begin

On **Friday 12th July**, your child will receive a copy of their Unit 3 report. You will also be able to access the report on the MCAS app.

In **September**, your child will receive their new timetable with their new Unit 1 classes.

Good luck to all of our students as they prepare for the assessment window. This is *the* chance for our Year 9 students to show us that they are ready for GCSE study in September - we can't wait to see what they produce!

Yours faithfully,



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