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Dear Blaise Families

Our Year 10s have been working really hard in lessons and have shown real commitment in their homework and knowledge organiser assessments. This letter outlines the actions in place to support your child as they prepare for beginning their final year with us. All actions are designed to ensure that your child achieves the very best outcomes. We know that these actions work because since becoming a part of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, the results at Blaise have improved every year. We have complete confidence that the results of this year group will be the best the school has ever seen. The additional time with their teachers in P0, P6 and P7 is essential in ensuring that all children reach their potential. After mock exams finish on Friday 28 June, the following actions will begin from Monday 1 July.

P0

Year 10 TTRP will change to P0. This means that students will have Week 1 Maths and Week 2 English (Monday to Thursday). Students will be with their current Maths and English teachers. P0 provides teachers with more time to focus on high frequency topics and build students' confidence in answering questions. Friday will become our assembly day where we have the opportunity to share key information and reward and celebrate success.

P6

P6 begins on Monday 1 July and is compulsory for all students from this point onwards. Students will have 1 additional lesson each afternoon from 15:05-16:00. This means that over a fortnight, they have 2 additional lessons of Maths, English and Science and 1 of each option subject. Please note that P6 will not run on Tuesday 9 July, due to Sports Day.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 | Option B | English | Maths | Option A | Science |
| Week 2 | Option D | English | Maths | Option C | Science |

P6 Subject homework

Students will be required to complete one additional piece of homework each night. This will be issued by teachers and is due in P6 each night from Monday 1 July. Subject homework is designed to embed subject knowledge and exam practice. If a student is absent from a lesson, it is their responsibility to ensure they collect it and hand it in during P6. If a child does not complete their homework to the required standard, they will be required to complete it in a next day detention.

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Mock Exam Timetable

We run three sets of Mock exams. In June of Year 10, and in November and March of Year 11. We expect every child to sit every paper at the published time.

We run mock exams to prepare students for the actual exam series. Even the practice of walking into the exam room and writing your details on the front of the paper can alleviate anxiety for some of our students, before the real thing. Mock exams give an up to date snapshot of their current progress. Being in school every day and sitting exam papers is crucial in developing the resilience and level of focus required to sit every paper.

Year 10 Summer Mocks begin on Wednesday 12 June and finish on Friday 28 June. AM exams begin during TTRP. PM exams begin during P5. As the majority of exams are over 1 hour, for PM exams students will be required to stay until the end of the exam. For the majority of students and exams, this will be between 15:00 and 16:00. The complete timetable is [here](#). Your child will receive an individual exam timetable next week.

We will be treating the mocks as we would the real exams as much as possible. That means we will be phoning you in the morning if a student is absent. The main difference is that we will be ensuring all students complete every paper using catch up sessions. These will be during the day as much as possible, but if a student has a lot of exams to catch up on we may use time after school, where appropriate. Please note that in the real exam series, there are no second chances. If a child is absent for an exam, they receive a U grade.

Students will receive their results on Friday 19 June as part our of Year 10 Results Day. You will also receive a copy via their MCAS.

Assessment Manifest

Students have been given a copy of their Assessment Manifest which you can find [here](#). This outlines the content tested and the revision resources available for support. Each subject has outlined which revision strategies to use. The most effective revision strategies are:

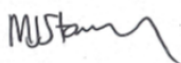
- **Flashcards** - reading the question on the front, saying the answer out loud on the back. Repeating the ones which they got wrong, every 2 days, until correct.
- **Cornell notes** - summarising and organising information in their grey book
- **Exam Questions** - practising lots of questions to test their understanding, using question booklets/past papers
- **Online platforms** - Unlimited questions available on SparxXP (Maths)

Detentions

All detentions will move from 16:00-16:30, after P6.

A video summary of this letter is available [here](#). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email using standingm@blaisehighschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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