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Dear Blaise Families,

This letter is about the Y7-9 Unit 3 assessments, from **Monday 17th June to Friday 28th June***. It also explains how your child will be ranked as a result of their attainment at the end of Unit 3, in preparation for new classes in September.

*The 8S RE assessment will take place outside the window, on Wednesday 3rd July

Unit 3 assessments

The Unit 3 assessments are the final chance for your child to show how much they have been learning this year - we are so proud of what they have achieved already, and are excited about what they will show us in their assessments.

We have already seen students testing each other during social times and talking about how they want to improve their scores ready for next year. This is why we are so convinced that Blaise students will go on to achieve the best results in Bristol when they get to Year 11.

Students will have one assessment lesson per subject. In all subjects apart from Maths, they will be asked to write the correct keyword for the given piece of knowledge. In Maths, they will be asked to choose the correct answer from multiple choices.

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.

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On **Thursday 13th June**, your child will receive an assessment timetable outlining when their assessments will be. You can already find a copy 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.

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.

To calculate each child's Overall Rank, we work out the average percentage of all assessments, with English and Maths given double weighting. This mirrors how GCSE results and school progress measures are calculated.

You will also be able to see the overall Unit 2 and Unit 1 ranks for your child. The closer your child's rank gets to 1, the better they are performing compared to the rest of the year group.

Your child will receive their new timetable with their new class 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 they 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. We're excited to see what scores you can produce!

Yours faithfully,



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