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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you to let you know about what we are teaching students in this unit and our assessment plan.

Curriculum

You can find our curriculum summaries attached to this email and also information by clicking on the video links below.. These lay out what your children will learn in each subject. There is one for KS3, one for KS4 and one for the Resource Base. The curriculum in each subject area is regularly reviewed to ensure that what we offer is knowledge-rich, ambitious and designed to give students the best possible chance of climbing their own personal mountains to the very best universities in the country or careers of their choosing. The key knowledge in our curriculum is set up in our knowledge organisers. We encourage all parents to engage with these at home to support the learning taking place in lessons.

Assessment

We continually assess students' learning; it is embedded into all of our lessons. We have a range of strategies that teachers use which include questioning, mini-whiteboards, low-stakes quizzing and live marking. Live marking takes place when students are completing independent work, teachers provide live feedback which students action immediately. All of these processes provide teachers with the data they need in order to adapt their teaching to meet the needs of the children. We also use assessments at the end of the unit to give us a better insight into how students are performing in comparison to their peers. You can find more information about these end of unit assessments on the following page.

If you have any concerns or questions about anything in this letter, please do get in touch with me via email sheltonj@blaisehighschool.co.uk. You can find more information about the curriculum and our assessment model on the school website.

Yours faithfully,

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	Assessment Window	Reports Home	Assessment	Description	How to support at home
KS3	17/6/24 - 28/6/24	12/7/24	Knowledge organiser assessments	<p>Knowledge organiser assessments as per the end of Unit 1 and Unit 2 assessments.</p> <p>For Unit 3 assessments, 50% of each exam will be questions on Unit 3 Knowledge, 25% will be questions on Unit 1 knowledge and 25% on Unit 2 knowledge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending school every day • Self-quizzing homework using the knowledge in students' knowledge organiser. Use the 'look, cover, write, check' method. Video here • Consistently completing Sparx homework.
Year 9	17/6/24 - 21/6/24		Core exams	<p>Year 9 students will sit knowledge organiser assessments as normal for most subjects. However, for English, Maths and Science, they will sit mock exams in exam conditions in our exam locations. These will contain shortened past paper GCSE questions relating to content that our Year 9 students have studied over the last 3 years. These mock exams will prepare students for the expectations of KS4 study to come and ensure they are in the right set, as students can be set separately in these core subjects in KS4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the assessment manifest to target revision (handed out on 13/6/24) • More information will follow as a separate letter and in student assemblies.
Year 10	17/6/24 - 28/6/24	19/7/24	Mock exams	<p>Mock exams are sat in exam conditions in our exam locations. Students will be given their exam timetables they must follow. Mock exams are either full or shortened past exam papers. The following subjects will not complete in-class exams and will instead be given a current working grade: Sport, Health & Social Care, Media, Music and Drama.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending school every day • Self-quizzing homework using the knowledge in students' knowledge organiser. Use the 'look, cover, write, check' method. Video here • Consistently completing Sparx homework. • Using the assessment manifest to target revision (handed out on 24/5/24)

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