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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful and restful half term, and your children are feeling ready to come back to school. We wanted to share our gratitude with you for all of your hard work in ensuring that your child comes to school on time, every day. The attendance so far this year has been much improved, and we thank you for all your hard work in ensuring this happens.

We know that all students benefit from outstanding school attendance. This is evident by the impressive exam results of our Year 11 students this Summer, notably in particular, those with attendance above 95%. We are extremely proud of our student attendance each and every day and we want to continue to maintain these high standards. Moments matter and attendance counts.

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected but knowing whether students are going to be absent from school and the reasons for any absences is an important part of safeguarding. Please ensure that you contact the school if you know your child is going to be absent.

We wanted to remind you of our term dates for the rest of this year, as well as remind you of the recent changes to DfE guidance around attendance. The previous video that we created for you is attached [here](#). We want to ensure that every family continuously monitors attendance and if a student's attendance becomes a cause for concern we will be in contact with you to discuss strategies and support. Failure to engage in this support and if no improvement is seen can lead to penalty notices and prosecution, which we want to help families avoid. We want to ensure that you feel supported, and you can contact our Attendance Team for support at any point; the earlier the better.

School Term Dates 2024-25:

Tuesday 5th November: Return to school for all students

Friday 20th December 2024: Break up for Christmas holidays.

Unit 2 (Spring Term)

Wednesday 8th January - All students in school

Half-term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Unit 3 (Summer Term)

Wednesday 23rd April - Year 11 and Resource Base only

Thursday 24th April - All students in school

Half-term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025

Friday 18th July 2025 - Break up for Summer Holidays

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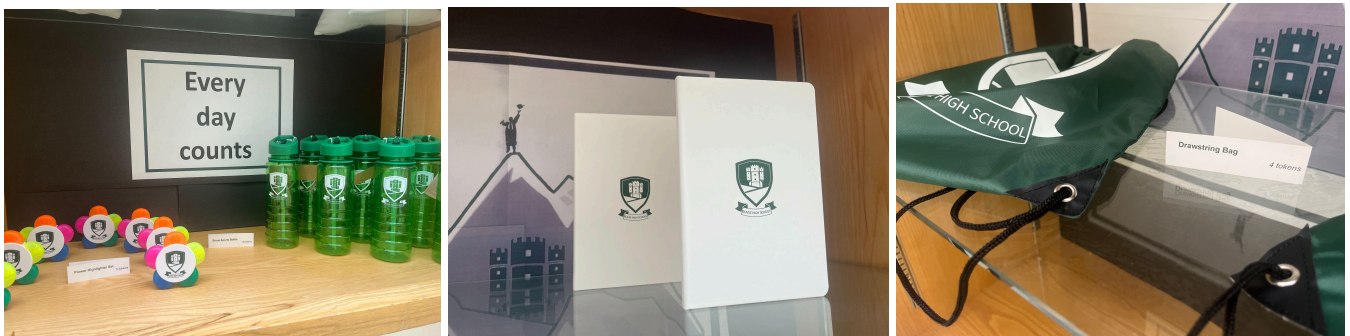


Families

We expect that all parents/carers who have day to day responsibility for the children and young people will:

- Encourage regular school attendance and be aware of their legal responsibilities
- Ensure that the children in their care arrive at school on time, prepared for the school day
- Contact the school before 9.00am on the morning of each day of the student's absence by calling the 24-hour attendance line 0117 9030100 (option 1) or email the school on attendance@blaisehighschool.co.uk . Please note that any unexplained absence will be treated as unauthorised absence.
- Contact the school if your child is going to be late to school. If your child is experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please contact Mrs Edwards and Miss Sayer, Attendance Team, via email: attendance@blaisehighschool.co.uk or call us on 0117 9030100 (option 1).
- Provide medical evidence where the illness/absence is frequent or long term. If the illness is longer than 4 days we may require medical evidence to be able to authorise the absence.
- Make all non-emergency medical appointments during the school holidays (see term dates [here](#)) or out of school hours. Medical evidence of these appointments should be provided ie. medical appointment card and the school will need to be notified no later than 24 hours in advance. It is expected that students attend either side of medical appointments.

At Blaise High School, we are committed to supporting students to achieve and maintain good attendance and punctuality. We celebrate students with 100% attendance at the end of every week half-term, term and yearly. We are so proud of students who know that their attendance will ensure their achievement in the future. Here is just a small example of the prizes we give to students as part of our weekly attendance count.



The Blaise High School Attendance Policy, can also be found on our website: greenshaw.co.uk/attendanceandpunctuality. Attend today, achieve tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Z Giblin

Assistant Headteacher