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Dear Blaise families,

Unit 1 multiple choice question assessments begin next Monday, and we are so proud of how hard students are working in lessons to ensure they have the best chance of being successful in each assessment.

A reminder that students can now choose which subjects they self-quiz for their homework 6 times each week, to ensure they are fully prepared for each upcoming assessment.

Each student has also been given their revision resource booklet. You should see them revising using this booklet each evening, in addition to completing their self-quizzing.

[This](#) section of our website gives information about our assessments, including the assessment timetable for each year group, as well as links to Unit 1 knowledge organisers and revision resource booklets.

It is worth discussing with your child, if they are in Year 8 or Year 9, that these assessments will be more difficult than what they experienced last year. In assemblies this week, we are talking about this with students, but having the conversation at home as well would be very helpful. Working towards Year 11, students will need to get used to tough exams and be resilient in always trying their best and never giving up - these assessments will help them to get used to that level of challenge, and we will always be proud of their hard work, rather than *just* the score they achieve.

As excitement for the assessments builds in school, we have one final announcement to share with you:

Once students have completed all of their assessments, we will reward the **top 3 ranking students** in each year group with a **Blaise Academic zip-up top** (see photo on page 2).

You may already be aware that students can earn Blaise Sport tops by representing the school with distinction in sporting fixtures. This system will work in a similar way, but with an academic focus: students will earn these tops through their hard work leading to a top 3 assessment rank – they can then keep the tops forever, providing they continue to represent the school with distinction in their pursuit of academic and character progress.

It is important to note that *every* student has the opportunity to earn a Blaise Academic top. Last year, the biggest rise in ranking that we saw in the school was 121 places (with many more students increasing their rank by 100+ places). This means that it's entirely possible for a student to begin the year ranked in 122nd place, and end the year ranked in 1st, all depending on how well they attend and how hard they work. We know that our assessment system rewards hard work above all else, and we're excited to see which 3 students in Year 7, which 3 students in Year 8, and which 3 students in year 9 will be our first ever winners of Blaise Academic tops!

This system will run for every set of end of Unit assessments, throughout Y7-9. Every time students sit end of Unit assessments, they have a chance of earning a Blaise Academic top.

If you have any questions about Blaise Academic tops, or the end of Unit multiple choice question assessments more generally, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk and an appropriate member of staff will respond to your request.

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Yours faithfully,



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Here is one of our brilliant students, Jesse, modelling the Blaise Academic tops:



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