



Blaise High School
Station Road
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance at school continues to be much improved, and we want to continue this excellent start as we move forward this year. We want to share a huge congratulations for all the students who worked so hard during last term, building their knowledge towards their assessments. There is a very clear correlation between the students who attended school every day, and those that were very successful in their assessments. 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 why, is an important part of safeguarding. Please ensure that you contact the school if you know your child is going to be absent. If you are unsure whether to send your child in, here is some [helpful guidance](#) for you. The Blaise High School Attendance Policy, can also be found on our [website here](#).

We wanted to remind you of our term dates for the rest of this year, and the previous video that we created for you around the changes to DfE guidance around attendance 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 or your child's Head of Year for support at any point; the earlier the better.

School Term Dates 2025

<u>Unit 2 Spring Term</u>	<u>Unit 3 Summer Term</u>
Wednesday 8th January - All students in school Half-term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April	Wednesday 23rd April - Year 11 and Resource Base only Thursday 24th April - All students in school Half-term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th May Friday 18th July - Break up for Summer Holidays

At Blaise High School, we celebrate students with great attendance at the end of every day, week, half-term, term and yearly. Students can win golden tickets every day they are in school, earn stamps that they convert to prizes every week, earn experiences and trips as they work through the year. Attendance is a key factor to Rewards Week, and we want everyone to feel included.

Please make sure your child is on time to school; gates will close at 8.35am.

Attend today, achieve tomorrow. Have a wonderful 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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