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Dear Blaise families,

Please find [here](#) a video summary of this letter.

This letter is about the Unit 3 assessments that will take place from **Monday 16th June to Friday 27th June**.

During this time, every student in Y9 will sit a 30-minute multiple choice question exam in most of their subjects. These exams will follow the same structure as Units 1 and 2: 10 questions testing knowledge from the Knowledge Organiser, and 20 multiple choice questions that will test knowledge from across the Unit.

In English, Maths and Science, however, students will sit 1 hour GCSE-style written assessments in the Sports Hall, instead of 30-minute multiple choice question assessments in classrooms. The reason that we choose to do this for the core subjects at the end of Year 9, is to give students their first experience of what KS4 exams will look like as they prepare for Year 10 in September.

In doing these three assessments, students will gain their first experience of following formal exam routines in the Sports Hall. The exam routines that students need to follow in Year 11 are set nationally, to ensure absolute integrity in the country's exam systems. The routines are strict, and students face significant consequences relating to their exam results if they don't follow them perfectly. This is why we begin to get students used to these routines as early as possible. By the time they get into Year 11, they will be so used to the routines that they can spend all of their energy thinking about the content of the exam, rather than the rules they have to follow. These routines include pre-exam lineup, following rules on what is and isn't allowed into the exam venue, and following clear instructions from invigilators who may be unknown to students.

Because of the importance of the Unit 3 assessments, students may also be assessed on Unit 1 and 2 content, as well as current content from Unit 3. This won't ever appear in the assessments as a surprise, though, and subjects will ensure that revision resources (the booklets students use to prepare for assessments) and curriculum review lessons (lessons in the build-up to assessments where we review key knowledge) adequately prepare students for any prior content that will be assessed.

For all of their assessments, the best way for students to revise will be by being in every lesson, every day, between now and the end of the assessments, by ensuring they know all of the knowledge in their Unit 3 Knowledge Organiser (up to Friday 13th June), and by using the revision resource booklet to prepare as thoroughly as possible for each assessment.

By being in every lesson, every day, between now and the end of the assessments, students will see multiple choice questions in their regular lessons, they will take part in Curriculum Review lessons where key aspects of the Unit 3 curriculum (and possibly Units 1 and 2) will be re-taught, and they will be shown how to use revision resource booklets to help them revise at home for their assessments. We know that success in Year 10 and 11 exams is built on being in lessons every single day, and we have modelled our Year 7, 8 and 9 assessments on this same principle.

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During the assessments, we will run catch-up sessions for English, Maths and Science assessments, but we can not guarantee that we will catch students up on other assessments that they miss. Just like in Year 10 and 11, the only way for each student to ensure that they sit their exams is by being there on the day itself.

Timeline

Thursday 5 th June	Students will be given their revision resource booklet during tutor time. This booklet will contain revision questions and answers for each subject, with guidance on what practise to do if students get questions wrong. This section of our website gives information about our assessments. The website will contain the assessment timetable for each year group, the Unit 3 knowledge organiser and revision resource booklets.
Friday 11 th July	Your child's Unit 3 Assessment Report will be shared on the MCAS app, and a copy will be handed to them at school. If you haven't signed up for the MCAS app, please find information here on our website.
Monday 8 th September	We will welcome students back for a new academic year, and all students will receive a new timetable with their new group and teachers.

Thank you for the guidance you give to your child every single day. We know that if they attend school every day, self-quiz with Integrity 6 times each week, and use their revision resource booklets to revise in preparation for each assessment, then they will be successful. The role that families play in helping this to happen is vital, and something that we really appreciate.

Good luck to all of our students throughout the assessment window. These assessments are the culmination of a year of hard work, and we are incredibly excited to see our students show just how much progress they have made.

Please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk with subject 'Unit 3 assessments' if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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