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Dear Blaise Families,

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

I am really excited to be writing to you as Head of School and to welcome everyone back for a new academic year. I hope that everyone has had a great holiday, enjoyed the weather and some well deserved rest. I would like to share some real positives about our results from the summer exam series with you followed by a few key reminders ahead of our return to school. As a result this letter is longer than normal so please do read through it all.

### **Results**

The fantastic year 11 students who have just finished their time at Blaise achieved the best results in Blaise history! The table below shows the results that students achieved this year compared to 2019 and compared to the national averages last year.

	<i>Blaise 2018-2019</i>	National Average 2023-2024	<b>Blaise 2024-2025</b>
4+ English and maths	45%	66%	<b>64%</b>
5+ English and maths	27%	46%	<b>51%</b>

You can see from the table the **significant progress** that has been made over the last six years. For those who are unsure, a 4 is equivalent to what used to be a C and a 5 is equivalent to what used to be a high C. We are now in line with the national averages and nearly twice as many students are getting good passes in English and Maths than previously, which represents a **significant increase**. These improvements are mirrored across the board, in all subjects; ensuring more children have more choice and agency over their futures. This is at the heart of what we do, ensuring every student will climb their own personal mountain to the very best universities in the country of careers of their choosing. Thank you to the entire community for their support throughout the exam period.

### **Return to School**

A reminder about the return dates for students. Once a year group has returned they then stay in school and are joined by the other year groups as they return.

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Nat Nabarro, Headteacher

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Year group	Return Date
Year 7 Year 7 Resource Base students	Thursday 4th September
Year 10 Year 11 All other Resource Base students	Friday 5th September
Year 8 Year 9	Monday 8th September

### **Attendance**

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring good attendance at school. Our attendance last year was higher than it has ever been and 4% higher than last year. This is equivalent to 36 more children in every day. We can work together to improve again this year. Please take time to read [this](#) letter from Mrs Giblin on attendance. Attendance matters, it is the thing that allows students to be successful. We want to see your children every day so we can work with them, help them and educate them to be bright, informed, polite citizens of the community and the world. I also need to remind you about the Department for Education guidance and changes made in 2024. Mrs Giblin has summarised them in [this](#) short video. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to us and work with us so we can support. We worked closely with over 100 families last year to support with attendance and will continue to do so

### **Uniform**

As always, a new year often means new uniforms for children and families. Please do remember to contact Mr Bransfield in Mountain Rescue if you would like to utilise our uniform swap shop, or talk to your child's Head of Year if you need support with school uniform. Please make sure that children are in correct uniform on their first day and that hairstyles, nails, jewellery and make up are in line with the school procedures detailed [here](#), alongside the equipment requirements. This year students will be issued with a new tie on their first day. The first tie will be free of charge, but any replacements will need to be paid for in the usual way.

### **School Meals**

I also need to let you know that the price of a school meal has increased from £2.60 to £2.77. This will not come into effect for the first couple of weeks and I will write to you again to let you know the exact date. This will have no impact on children who receive free school meals.

### **The Site**

We have continued our improvements to the school site this summer. Part of ensuring that students get the best education possible is making sure that they have the facilities to do so. We have new table tennis tables and more seating in the Key Stage 3 courtyard that students can make use of during social times. The school corridors and classrooms have been refurbished and there are new, and much improved, screens in nearly all of the classrooms. We have also replaced all the student bathrooms around the site, based on the feedback we received from students last year. Please do attend one of our open events to have a look at the improvements we continue to make to the site.

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Finally, I know that the start of a school year is an exciting and nervous time for everyone. We will be writing to you over the next few weeks to remind you about key areas of the school, for example homework. Please do take the time to read through these letters, students will be reminded of these through a well thought through induction programme on their first few days back with us. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us. We saw more parents and carers involved in school events last year than ever before. Sports day and the school performance were real highlights, we really look forward to welcoming you back in as soon as possible.

We can not wait to see the students back and get them feeling successful.

Yours faithfully,



**Miss J Shelton**  
Head of School



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