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Dear Blaise families,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Blaise! For the staff body, it has been a real pleasure to welcome Year 10 students back to school this week - we are hugely excited about the KS4 journey they have ahead of them.

This letter contains information and signposting about the school's homework system. For Year 10 students, there has been an important change to Knowledge Organisers that will impact their daily homework.

### **Knowledge Organisers**

Our homework system is based around Knowledge Organisers. At the start of every Unit, each year 10 student will receive one Core Knowledge Organiser and four Subject Knowledge Organisers, one for each of their chosen GCSE or BTEC subjects. They need to keep these carefully, for homework, assessment revision and for completing their Character Education log for the next two years. The Year 10 Knowledge Organisers have been designed by our expert teachers to include the most important knowledge that will help students learn about each subject and help them to access lessons in school at Blaise.

Each page of the knowledge organiser contains core knowledge that links directly to what students have been learning in their lessons, and what they will be assessed on at the end of Year 11. This means that their self-quizzing homework will take longer, and will ensure that they are fully able to learn, apply, and remember the most important knowledge in each subject. An example is shown at the end of this letter for your reference.

Because this is a change for students, we are ensuring that their first day back contains a chance to practice their new self-quizzing homework, and have planned assemblies in the coming weeks where we will model to students how to use their new Knowledge Organisers most effectively.

### **Year 10 homework expectations**

- Every student will use their knowledge organiser to self-quiz core knowledge **6 times per week** using the Look, Cover, Write, Check process. The knowledge organiser shows clear examples of how self-quizzing should look, and students should follow the timetable, self-quizzing the correct subject each day of the week. Each task is set over one full page of their Knowledge Organiser, and will take up at least two pages of their self-quizzing book when complete (each self-quizzing task should take approximately 60 minutes to complete.)
- Every student will receive a weekly Maths homework task through the online Sparx Maths platform (each Sparx Maths homework should take approximately 45 minutes to complete). Year 10 students will have their **first Sparx Maths task set on 11th September**.

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## **Homework support and detentions**

When students complete homework with Integrity, we know that it has a significant impact on their learning, development, and preparation for the exams they will sit in year 11. The changes to Year 10 Knowledge Organisers mean that the potential impact for your child is even greater.

We want to ensure that all students can access every homework task we set, and therefore ensure that there is appropriate support in school to help every child reach the expected homework standard. Every lunch, we have a Sparx support club staffed by subject teachers for students to get assistance with their Sparx Maths homework. Every day after school, we have a self-quizzing support club where students can attend to complete, be tested on, and receive support with their self-quizzing homework.

When students do not complete homework, or it is not completed to the expected standard, detentions will be issued during which they will be supported to complete their missed homework. As well as daily detentions for self-quizzing (3-3.30pm), we have Sparx Maths detentions each Thursday (3-4pm).

Please look at [this](#) section of our school website for further information about our homework system, with videos explaining why we have designed our homework system in the way that we have, what homework your child should do each day and week, and how you can support your child to complete homework effectively.

Thank you for reading, and thanks again for all of the support you give to your child and the school. Every summer we are seeing Year 11 results get better and better, and the brilliant support that families give to students is one of the most important factors that will ensure this continues to happen at Blaise.

If you have any questions about homework, please email [info@blaisehighschool.co.uk](mailto:info@blaisehighschool.co.uk) and an appropriate member of staff will respond to your request.

Yours faithfully,



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