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Dear Blaise families,

This letter is about the Unit 1 Year 10 assessments that will take place from **Monday 24th November to Friday 5th December**. During this time, students in Year 10 will sit 45-minute exams containing GCSE-style questions for each subject where exams are the primary method of assessment. The questions will test students on knowledge that they have seen so far during Year 10, or previous knowledge from Years 7-9. The assessments have been designed so that if students have prepared effectively they will have sufficient time in 45 minutes to show off all that they have learnt.

Below are the subjects where Unit 1 exams will take place. All other subjects won't have exams. So, for a year 10 student that does History and Art, they will have a 45-minute Unit 1 assessment in History, but won't have one in Art.

Music	Geography
Combined Science	History
Computer Science	Maths
Engineering	Religious Studies
English	French

Attending school every day ahead of these assessments is crucial for students to have the best chance of being successful. By doing this, students will have seen all of the content that they will be tested on, and will take part in Curriculum Review lessons for each exam subject, where key aspects of the curriculum will be re-taught. During the assessments, we will run some catch-up sessions for core assessments, but we cannot guarantee that students will complete missed assessments. Just like in their final Year 11 exams, the only way for each student to ensure that they sit their exams is by being there on the day itself.

Students were given their Assessment Manifest on Tuesday 4th of November, which will guide their revision for each exam subject. As Mr Matheson explained during the Y10 Information Evening, this means that you should now be able to see clear evidence of your child revising for their assessments at home each night.

[This](#) section of our website gives information about our assessments. By Friday 14th of November, it will contain the Year 10 assessment timetable, as well as the Unit 1 knowledge organiser and assessment manifest that your child will use for revision. On Friday 9th January 2026, your child's Unit 1 Assessment Report will be shared on the MCAS app, and a copy will be handed to them at school. The report will show their performance in each subject where they sat an exam, as well as their current working grade in subjects that did not have exams.

If you haven't signed up for the MCAS app, please find information [here](#) on our website. If you require further support, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk with the subject 'MCAS app'. From Monday 12th January, English, Math, Science, French and History classes may change following the results of the Unit 1 assessments. Your child's report will show their new classes for each of these subjects. All other classes will remain the same.

We know that if students attend school every day, self-quiz with Integrity each week, and use their assessment manifests to revise, 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, we're excited to see what scores you can produce!

Yours faithfully,

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