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Dear Blaise families,

This letter is about the Unit 3 multiple choice question assessments that will take place from **15th to the 26th June**.

During this time, every student in Y8 will sit a 30-minute exam for each subject. Exams will all have the same structure: 10 questions testing knowledge from the Knowledge Organiser, and 20 multiple choice questions that will test knowledge from across the Unit. The Unit 3 assessments represent the culmination of a whole year's worth of hard work for our students and we will use the overall rankings from these assessments to determine September 2026 groups.

Because of the importance of the 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.

All assessments are completed under exam conditions and we expect students to act with integrity throughout. Our assessment series are an opportunity for us to teach students what this looks like, so that they are well prepared for future exams. One small change we are making to support this is to require students to ask their teacher to initial any changes that they make to their multiple choice answers during assessments. Any changes that are not initialled will result in that question being scored 0. We will make sure that all students are aware of this important change.

Compared to Units 1 and 2, there is one key difference about the Unit 3 assessments for our Y8 students: they will sit their English and Maths exams in the Sports Hall, in what will be their first experience of formal exam routines. These two assessments will be sat in the same exam session, over **Period 3 and Period 4 on Monday 15th June**.

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 in Year 8.

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. To support students to uphold these high standards if they change an answer to a multiple choice question during their assessment they will need to have this initialled by their class teacher not doing this will lead to a question being awarded 0.

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 and by using the revision resource booklet to prepare as thoroughly as possible for each assessment. 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.

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Timeline

Wed. 3rd June	Students will be given their revision resource booklet during tutor time.
Fri. 10th 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.
Wed. 9th 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. (available on the MCAS app from Tuesday 8th September)

The role that families play in helping this to happen is vital, and something that we really appreciate. So, thank you for the guidance you give to your child every single day.

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



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