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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! We hope you have had a good week and are feeling more positive as the weather has improved over time. We also hope you are looking forward to the half term ahead and will enjoy the rest, seeing friends and loved ones and hopefully seeing at least a little summer sunshine.

I want to start this newsletter by clarifying some adjustments that will begin from June 7<sup>th</sup> around the areas used for social times. These adjustments are possible as Y11 students will no longer be on site from this time so we're able to adapt spaces as a result. The changes are minimal and staff will remain on duty throughout to help students get used to the new set-ups.

- Resource Base students from all key stages will now join Y7 students in the Sports Hall (indoors) and Astro (outdoors).
- Year 8 students will now be able to buy their food directly from the main servery in the canteen as well as continue to use the Main Hall (indoors) and the Playground (outdoors).
- Year 9 students will have no changes and will continue to use the Canteen (indoors) and Front Lawn (outdoors).
- Year 10 students will now be able to use the MUGA again (outdoors) and will continue to use the Atrium (indoors).

All changes will be reiterated to students through tutors and roll call to ensure clear communication. We will also be introducing sessions on the main field for students in KS3. These will be organised as part of our rewards programme and will include organised sports and training for sports day.

Next up in the newsletter is a message from Mrs Middleton our school librarian.

### **Library News**

*This term during library lessons, we've been focussing on writing book reviews. Students are tasked with writing their thoughts and feelings about books they've read since Year 7, including Tutor Time Reading books. They then post the reviews on the virtual library to enable all students to see which titles are recommended by their classmates. Just as with films, games etc, peer recommendation is powerful when it comes to books. We are sharing the best reviews with the relevant authors, who just love to see what young readers think of their titles.*

*So far, our top class for book loans this year is 7DBC, currently on 212 loans and 41 book reviews (23 of which have been written by Esha Geo!). 8MRH is on 139 loans and 40 book reviews so far. Tutor prizes are up for grabs at the end of the year for top performing classes, plenty of time for other classes to take on the challenge or catch up! Students are invited to enter the National Book Token competition to design a book token. The winning designs will be available in book stores across the country. Closing date is 13th June 2021. If your child would like to enter, see details [here](#).*

Please, please remind your child to return any overdue library books, we still have a huge number sitting in students' homes (over 500 need to be returned)!

PLEASE help us win £5,000 of new books for our lovely library. The more nominations we get, the more chances we have. Click [here](#) to nominate us - you could even win £100 worth of books for yourself! Closing date 31st July 2021.

I'm always talking to you about the wide range of clubs available at Blaise High School. Today I wanted to highlight one particular club that's proved to be really popular, so much so that we are expanding the provision to include more year groups. Here's Mrs Brazier to tell you more about our wonderful German language club:

*This term every Monday and Thursday, twenty students from Year 7 started learning key and useful phrases in German.*

*The aim of this club is to concentrate on vocabulary retention and students are divided into two groups. Ten students are self-teaching using a language software, the other ten students are learning German through engaging activities, such as flash cards, dual coding, role plays and games.*

*The students particularly enjoy the competition of the two groups and are looking forward to finding out which group will be able to remember the most. The teaching group or the computer group? I am proud of the students who are taking part, they have made exceptional progress and they are starting to have 'small talks' conversation in German and using numbers within a conversation. The best student members are Helena S, Lucy James, Karina B, Holly R, Ana Don, M Dyer, Tristan M, Caelen P, Zac M, Arnon J, Dimitar B, Paige B, Mason D, and Maybelle W.*

*After half-term, the German club will continue to run for Y7 on Mondays lunchtime from 1.15pm to 1.40 pm and will start for Y8 on Thursdays lunchtime, from 1.15pm to 1.40pm. If you wish to learn how to speak German, come to join me in Y05.*

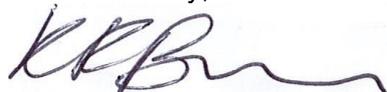
Finally, please ensure that all students keep up with their homework during the break to give them a better chance of success. A quick reminder that students are expected to complete their Hegarty/Sparx, Tassomai and Bedrock as usual and the new due dates for these are listed below:

Sunday	Bedrock
Monday	Hegarty/Sparx
Tuesday	Tassomai

Students can complete additional self-quizzes if they wish but must ensure the self-quiz on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> is completed ready for their tutor check on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

We really do hope you enjoy the holiday and look forward to seeing all students promptly at their usual gates when school resumes.

Yours faithfully,



Ms K Brown - Headteacher