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Dear «Parental_Salutation»

On the **19th and 20th December**, Blaise High School (BHS) is holding the first **Academic Review** event. These events will be held at the end of every term, once before Christmas, once at Easter, and once before the summer break. The aim of the day is to give parents, pupils and teachers the opportunity to understand the academic performance of Blaise High School students.

To ensure that everyone is able to attend, we will be running an evening event on **Thursday 19th December from 4pm-6.30pm**, and a morning event on the **20th December from 9am-1pm**. We anticipate that the evening will be busier, so if you can attend either we suggest coming to the morning event. You are welcome to come in at any time and for any duration within these times and dates.

When you arrive at the event, Blaise High School staff will give you a copy of your child's academic report. You will then have the option to look through the report in the Atrium, or to head to classrooms to talk to the teachers. Please feel free to talk to as many teachers as you feel suitable; this event is designed to fit the needs of you and your child.

If you cannot make the event, your child's academic report will be posted to you.

As this is a new event, we have compiled a list of FAQs that may assist you further.

FAQ'S	Answer
What will I be given on entry to the event?	On entry to the event, you will be given 3 things. 1) A copy of your child's academic report . See appendix 1a and 1b for a copy of this. 2) A list of teachers e-mail addresses . This is to allow communication between home and school. If you have any further questions after the event, please feel free to contact staff. 3) A Parental Guide which explains how to interpret the student reports.
Why don't BHS give grades to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students?	We have made the decision to give parents the score that the pupils achieved in the last assessment, and where that assessment fell in the year group. This is more accurate than a grade, and gives you a clear idea of how your child is performing in assessments relative to their peers. It is also very difficult to accurately give a grade to Years 7, 8 and 9 as there are no national standardised assessments. This means that we would be reporting inconsistent data.
Why can't we make appointments?	We believe that the flexible model that we are using is much better in enabling parents and carers to see specific staff as required, rather than a rigid model where time is not always maximised.

<p>Why does my child have a “ranking” for each subject?</p>	<p>BHS do not believe in ranking students. We don't believe that assessment outcomes represent the whole of a pupil's abilities, but we do think that parents should know where that assessment ranks compared to other assessments in the year. Students are not being ranked; their assessments are.</p> <p>This information will only be given to you, and no-one else will see it. Teachers at BHS believe that hard work beats talent. Anyone can improve their assessment ranking if they work hard and take the advice that their teachers are giving them.</p>
<p>How will I know how my pupils were assessed?</p>	<p>During your conversations with teachers they will talk through how the assessment percentage was generated in your subject. Please feel free to ask as many questions as you feel necessary.</p>

Yours sincerely



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