

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### End of May Half Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first spring half term draws to a close, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support, and congratulate our Year 11 students on a successful start to their GCSE exams. I would also like to thank all of our students for supporting their peers throughout the examinations process and ask that they continue to ensure they are quiet and respectful when moving around the school building whilst exams are taking place.

School will close for the May half term break on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May with students being dismissed at the usual time of **3.10pm**. We return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the final half term of school year 2023-2024.

There have been many amazing events that have taken place this half term as a result of the hard work, dedication and resilience of our staff and students, including the Year 11 practical exams, Year 10 Work Experience, Year 8 Progress Evening, Years 9 and 10 Maths visits to Chester Racecourse, Year 8 outdoor education, Year 10 Performing Arts live theatre review trip to Storyhouse, Year 10 Information Evening, and the start of the Year 11 exam season. A full outline of the spring events can be found in part 2 of the Headteacher's Report to Governors for spring.

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/attachments/download.asp?file=310&type=pdf>

### Local Authority Household Support Fund

For eligible families of children in receipt of free school meals, a £15 school holiday food voucher will be issued in the usual way for the May half term break. Whatever money worries you may have, the Council has put together some useful information to help which includes a wealth of information. Visit: [Cost of living support](#)

### Key dates for summer term 2024

- June – Pride Month 2024
- 5<sup>th</sup> June, World Environment Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June, D Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June, Year 11 leavers assembly & shirt signing
- 7<sup>th</sup> June, Year 11 Study Leave begins
- 8<sup>th</sup> June, World Oceans Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June, Year 10 mock exams
- 20<sup>th</sup> June, Year 7 Progress Evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> June, World Refugee Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> June, Year 11 Prom

- 23<sup>rd</sup> June, International Women in Engineering Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5 WOW Week
- 27<sup>th</sup> June, Year 11 Record of Achievement evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Drama Club presents The Wizard of Odd
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, Rewards Assembly Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July, Enrichment week
- 19<sup>th</sup> July, school closes for summer 2024

Year 11 should use the half term to continue their revision for the remaining summer examinations, which are due to end on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The exam timetable can be found on the school website and individual student timetables can be accessed through Edulink one via the Exams link. <https://www.blaconhighschool.net/attachments/download.asp?file=280&type=pdf>

### Term Dates for 2024 – 2025

The link below provides next academic year's term dates, which begins on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 for new Year 7 students, and on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for students in Years 8-11. School is closed to students on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for a staff training day.

<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Term+dates&pid=34>

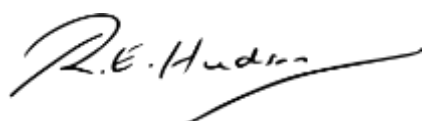
We look forward to students returning on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024** and ask you to ensure that students arrive on time for an **8.40am start**. Please use the half term to refresh any uniform that needs replacing and support school in upholding our high expectations as we near the end of this academic year.

If your child cycles to school, please can I urge you to ensure that they wear a safety helmet. School promotes that, for their own safety, all students cycling to and from school should wear appropriate head protection.

If you haven't already done so, I would like to invite you to download the school app or log-in via the [EduLink One](#) website to ensure that there is effective communication between school and home.

From all staff and governors, we wish you a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready to work hard over the next half term.

Regards,



Rachel Hudson  
Headteacher