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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near our Spring Break I want to share with you the fantastic work that has been done by our teachers and our Year 11 students as they prepare for final exams. There has been a truly magnificent shared approach to preparation and revision and this continues over the holiday period and beyond. The timetable for Easter revision sessions has been given out to students and is also on the school website, [www.blaconhighschool.net](http://www.blaconhighschool.net). We are looking forward to some very impressive results in August which will reflect the commitment of our students, staff, parents and carers. Year 11 please keep up this focused approach and reap the fine results.

Our Year 8 students have also been busy identifying their next steps for GCSE options and this has been well informed by our Options and Target Setting Evening in March. Thank you for your support in this.

As always, the school has been really busy with extra-curricular events some of which are featured under 'Latest News' on the school website or in the latest edition of the Blacon High Times newsletter. A cross-section is listed below:

- Year 9 BTEC Voices Ensemble attended the launch of the Cheshire Primary Schools Winter Olympic Games
- Theatre productions/visits – Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and Twelfth Night
- Students taking part in debating with students at The King's School
- Visit to Jodrell Bank + International Women's Day conference at Chester University
- Year 11 Chester and District Football Cup Winners and the team are again in the final for the National ESFA Cup
- U15 Girls and Boys Chester and District Volleyball champions
- U15 Boys Chester and District Table Tennis champions
- Reward trips to football matches, an international netball match + Pizza Hut and bowling trips.

Many thanks to staff and students for their active participation in these events.

The Ofsted visit at the end of January judged us as a 'Good' school and we are all especially proud of this. It is a testament to the hard work and commitment of staff, students, governors and parents/carers. We now look forward to moving into our new school building in September with pride in what we have achieved to date and eager to press on to make this school community 'Outstanding'. It is what our students and community deserve.

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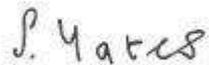
The election of Head Boy and Head Girl for 2016-2017 is in progress and when interviews are completed and final decisions made I will let you know the outcome. I would also like to mention the Blacon Community Awards which our school hosts each year. This year nominations can be made online via the school website – please take time to look at the various categories and put in your nominations.

The Summer term will be an especially busy time for school. The Performing Arts Department and many of our students are involved in the school production of Alice in Wonderland. The performances will be on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and tickets are on sale at school. All involved are rehearsing very hard and we look forward to an excellent production. Please come along and support our students.

Thank you for your continuing support regarding school uniform. Our expectations and standards are high and we rely on your support and co-operation in maintaining these standards; it is much appreciated.

Finally, have a happy, safe and restful holiday. School reopens on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, Week 2 on the school calendar.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Mrs Sue Yates  
Headteacher