



6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As Year 10 students continue their journey towards Year 11, we wanted to update you with some important information.

### **Academic Focus**

Year 11 is an incredibly important year academically as students look towards their next steps. There will be a considerable focus on ensuring your child has the right academic support to achieve their best.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Year 10 students will be completing their mock exams. These exams will take place in the sports hall in line with all external exam rules and regulations as set out by JCQ, the exam board regulator. Attached with this letter is the exam timetable. All students have been issued with a copy, detailing which days they have exams on. All exams will assess knowledge and content learnt over the course of this academic year and students should ensure they are fully prepared for these by revising thoroughly.

Once completed, all exam results will be thoroughly analysed to identify gaps and misconceptions in knowledge. We will then invite students to our Learning Period 7 sessions (15:05 – 16:00) to focus on these areas of weakness to ensure that these are addressed, enabling all students to achieve their full potential. Later on, in term 6, you will receive your child's end of year report, which will detail their performance in their mock exams, identifying the progress they are making towards their GCSE target grades. In term one of Year 11, you will be invited to attend an Academic Review Afternoon to discuss how we can all work together to ensure your child achieves the best possible outcomes. In addition to this, during Year 11, students will have access to revision sessions during tutor time and also holidays.

### **Support and Guidance**

Whilst students work towards achieving their academic best, we know that they will need to be supported by both those at home and the school. The first point of contact for students and parents remains their form tutor and Head of Year. Should you have a specific question relating to your child's learning or wellbeing this will then be forwarded to the relevant member(s) of staff. If there any specific barriers to learning e.g. access to resources, please do contact the Academy and we will work with you to overcome these.



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We know that Year 11 can be a challenging year for students and we want to ensure support is there when needed. Within school we have a range of interventions to support mental wellbeing which range from regular check-ins with staff to specific work with external professionals. At all times we encourage students to talk to both those at home and staff in school when they are struggling to cope. We recommend 'Kooth.com' as an online space where students can access support and advice.

Throughout the academic year, your child will have opportunities to meet with Miss Simperl, Assistant Principal KS4 and Student Futures, and Ms Alsop, Careers Lead, to discuss next steps and receive support applying for destinations after Year 11. Students will receive one lesson a fortnight of IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) where they will have opportunities to ask questions and receive additional careers support.

### Expectations

The overwhelming majority of Year 10 students act as positive role models to students in lower year groups. As Year 10 move towards Year 11 it is essential that students set high expectations of themselves and each other. From Term 6 we will be placing a particular emphasis on Year 10 arriving to school by 8.35am. Students arriving late will be issued a tiered consequence as below. Parents and carers of students who are late will receive a message informing them that their child was late to school today. The relevant consequence will be served the following day. More positively, students who continue to arrive to line up on time and in the correct uniform will be entered into a weekly raffle to win a variety of prizes.

Stages	Consequence
1 <sup>st</sup> Late	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Late	Break detention
3 <sup>rd</sup> Late	Break detention
4 <sup>th</sup> Late	After school detention
5 <sup>th</sup> Late	After school detention
6 <sup>th</sup> Late	IRR until 3:45PM
7 <sup>th</sup> Late	IRR until 3:45PM
8 <sup>th</sup> Late	Alternative School Reflection



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From Term 6 Year 10 will have a daily line-up in the Courtyard in order to ensure students are prepared and ready for learning. It is also important that Year 10 recognise the importance we place on high standards of uniform. It is important that students prepare in advance and ensure that they have all the uniform they need.

We are confident that with the support and guidance in place and with students meeting expectations they will achieve their academic best. We value the partnership we have with parents/carers in working towards this and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Mr P Jones**  
**Vice Principal**

**Miss L Simperl**  
**Assistant Vice Principal**



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