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## Year 10 Update

Dear Year 10 parent/carer,

I wanted to write to you as a way of updating you on the positive start Year 10 have made since starting in September. I will be doing this regularly to keep you fully updated with events happening throughout the year.

### Curriculum Textbooks

To support Year 10 students' GCSE studies, we are pleased to be able to provide them with a textbook for each of their subjects. These books will be lent to students for the whole two of the next two years. They will enable students to carry out vital revision and recap anything they've learnt during their lessons at home. Providing these books is a considerable cost to the school and will average to around £200 per student. We will not be asking for any payment from you but instead I am asking you to ensure your child looks after them by keeping them safe at home unless asked to bring them in by a teacher. At the end of Year 11 these books need to be returned as they remain the property of the school. Students will collect these books on Friday and will sign a document confirming they will look after the books and return them in the summer of 2024.

### Attendance

As we all know, it is important for students to attend all their lessons. I understand that sometimes students are unwell or unable to attend school for other authorised reasons but I would like them to catch up on any work missed. Therefore, every week I will be issuing students who miss any days from the previous week with a catch-up sheet which is to be completed for any lessons that were missed. This will enable all students to catch up on vital curriculum content so that when they return, the work is completed and gaps in knowledge are avoided. As the parent/carer, they will be asking you to sign this document so that you are also aware of the work that needs catching up on. If you are concerned about your child having to catch up due to being extremely ill or feeling unable to do so, let me know as soon as possible.

### Options

Students have started their compulsory and option subjects well this year. I've been into all lessons now and have been very impressed by how focussed students are and how seriously they are taking their lessons. The



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deadline has now passed for students to switch their options and they will now continue with these subjects until they sit their final exams next summer.

### **PPEs (Pre-Public Examinations)**

These will be our first opportunity to assess students under exam conditions as a whole year group together. This will enable us to see how well your child is doing in their subjects and where support is needed. There will be 2 assessment windows of this nature this year where your child will be assessed in all of their subjects. The timetables will be shared with you nearer the time, but I am able to share the assessment weeks with you now. They are as follows:

- PPE 1 Assessment – wc 9 January 2023
- PPE 2 Assessment – wc 19 June 2023

### **Work Experience**

I am very excited about all students being able to participate in their work experience this year in which they'll be able to get a feel for what working life can be like. This will be a key talking point every week amongst our year group and will help guide students towards their future career paths. The usual length of a work experience placement is two weeks but last year, as a result of covid work placement restrictions, we offered a one week placement and a one week programme in school. This year we are aiming to be back to normal and hope to offer a two week work placement. Students are welcome to arrange their own work experience placement but must inform the school so that necessary safety checks can be made. We will write again with much more detail about own placements in the next two weeks. Alternatively, we will be providing students with a list of possible places to work in.

If you have any questions, then do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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