



Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

Overall, I am delighted with how Year 10 have settled into their GCSE courses and the start of their GCSE journey. They have shown great maturity and determination, and this is reflected in their positive academic progress.

In the first week of December, Year 10 will have an assessment week for all GCSE subjects. This will be a great opportunity for students to test their knowledge and skills and to receive feedback from their teachers. Shortly after half-term year 10 will receive a list of topics for each assessment to enable them to prioritise their revision.

I would like to thank you as parents/carers for purchasing revision guides for your son/daughter. I appreciate that they are expensive, but I know equipping your child with these resources will support their revision and progress at GCSE. Your child should have come home yesterday with their revision guides. I encourage you to talk to your child about their assessments and to offer them your support. You can also help them to prepare by making sure that they have a quiet place to study. If your child was absent yesterday, please ask them to pick their revision guides up on the first day back after half-term (from the KS4 office).

Here is a reminder of a couple of revision techniques that your child should be aware of. We will continue to work with year 10 this year in ensuring they understand the key learning strategies for revising.

<https://loom.com/share/3cde5815796f48c592ad557f4681b6a2>

(Please ignore the dates at the start of the video as these were last years)

Rewards

On the 18th December there will be a rewards afternoon for year 10 students. Students will have the opportunity to have a lunch and a Christmas film during period 4 and 5. Students will be invited to this afternoon depending on their lesson monitor scores. The criteria for this is the following:

Between 30th Oct to 13th Dec- (6.5 weeks)

- At least 25LM 1's
 - 3 or less LM 3's/6's/4's
- No red cards. No days in reset.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. Every day that a student is absent is a missed opportunity for learning and growth. Research has shown that there is a strong correlation between good attendance and academic achievement. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to perform well on tests, earn higher levels and achieve success in their future. In addition, good attendance helps students develop important social skills, such as teamwork, cooperation and communication.

Of course, there are times when students need to miss school for legitimate reasons. However, it is important to make every effort to ensure that your child attends school as much as possible. If your child is unwell, please call the school no later than 8:30am leaving a message stating your child's



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name, form group and a brief explanation as to the nature of the illness. A call is requested for every day of absence.

Please try to avoid medical / dental appointments in school time wherever possible. If this is unavoidable, please send your child to school before and after the appointment.

Kind regards,

Mr Reed



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