

Year 10 Parent Notes

Welcome back to another half term and I hope that your half term break was a restful one. I hope the students have fully recharged their batteries and are ready to hit this half term running and to continue adopting and developing the correct work ethics that they have over the last half of this academic year.

Subject teachers this week have been inputting the next round of Flight Path Grades for students on the system, and you should either receive these today or by the beginning of next week.

These grades reflect what teachers believe your son/daughter will achieve at the end of Year 11 based on their performance over the first half of this academic year. This is also based on the students continuing to work with the same intensity for the remainder of the course as well. The key grade to be focusing on is their Attitude to Learning Grade, this will inform you which subjects it is going really well in with grades 1 and 2, and which ones may need a bit more of a focus on if they receive grades 3 or 4. These two grades reflect that in the teachers professional opinion there is more that the student can be doing in lesson and at home to really push up their Flight Path Grade.

It would be hugely beneficial if you could spend some time looking over these grade sheets with your child and ask them to reflect on what it is currently suggesting that the summer next year is going to look like for them. Would they be happy with this as a set of GCSE results, if yes, fantastic what could they be doing to ensure that this becomes a reality then? If no, what subjects are they disappointed with and what do they think they can do to start turning it around?

This week the Senior Leadership Team have been dropping into lessons checking that students have the correct equipment for the start of the term, so could we please urge that you check that your son/daughter has the necessary equipment of a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler. This just means that they are prepared for every lesson, and valuable learning time is not lost by them trying to find someone to loan them the equipment they need to engage in the lesson.

I know that work experience forms have still been making their way into school this week which is great news, and I hope that over the half term those students who have not been able to secure a placement used some of their time reaching out to companies. It is still not too late to secure a placement and Ms Lambert is still offering a drop-in service on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtime for those students who are still struggling. It would be great if we could have every Year 10 student off school site reaping the benefits of a great and successful work placement.

I hope you have a good week.

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