

## Year 10 Parent Notes

I would like to thank all of the Year 10 students that helped out during last week's successful Open Evening, whether this was acting as a guide, working in subject rooms or helping set up the amazing displays that were offered in classrooms at the end of the day. Without the support of our students this event would not have been nearly as successful as it was. We have received a great amount of praise from prospective parents and students alike regarding the efforts of our tour guides and students who helped out in subject rooms, so they are to be commended if they did help out. Each student played an integral part in ensuring the evening ran so smoothly and is a true reflection of how proud they all are to be Oxted students.

During an extra assembly this week Year 10 students watched an inspirational presentation from True Adventure. The expedition experience True Adventure offers provides students with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at university and in the world of work.

We are very excited about the next expedition which will take place during the summer 2019 and will take the students on an expedition to Swaziland and Mozambique. What sets this apart from other school trips is that the students will have the added responsibility of fundraising for it and they will lead the expedition whilst in Swaziland and Mozambique. This fantastic opportunity will give the students something really unique to do that will make them stand out from the crowd.

Students have been given letters, inviting parents to an information evening on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in the Meridian Dining Hall. Reply slips need to be returned to tutors as soon as possible if you wish to attend to find out more about True Adventure.

Over the course of the year I would like to give out some top tips on how students can go on to be very successful and secure outstanding results for their exams.

The first top tip is about ensuring students have a quiet space to work and study at home. We understand that not every child will have their own bedroom and that it's very challenging to keep the house quiet for an extended period of time. If you and your child can commit to one to two hours of undisturbed quiet time per night, in an organised, routine location, it will really help them to establish an effective work routine. Setting them up for this amount of time will ensure that their body and mind is preparing early for the strenuous tasks of sitting still, reading and writing, and concentrating, for hours on end during the summer exams they will sit at the end of their courses. It would also be really helpful them if you encourage them to put work away safely when they have finished so that it doesn't get lost or 'adapted' by younger brothers or sisters!

On the back of this, I would also like to remind you that we are as a school now offering an after-school provision for students to complete homework in F29 on a Tuesday and Thursday called **SHOWtime**.

This could be used as part of that process of creating a brilliant work ethic where they can get an hours' worth of work done before they get home. It will also help reinforce the idea that the school day for GCSE students does not necessarily end at 3.20pm, and those students that go on to be really successful are the ones that use all the opportunities provided to them to their best advantage.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask if you could continue to encourage your son/daughter to seek their sponsorship money for the sponsored walk. Money should be handed in to the Finance Office no later than Monday 30 October.

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