

## **Year 10 Parent Notes**

As we draw to the end of this term I have asked students to reflect on how successfully they feel they have started their GCSE studies so far.

In assembly last week I explained that they are still very much at the beginning of their marathon with a good distance still to be covered. I explained that they should have settled into some good work habits by now with regards to working in lessons, homework completion and starting to get to grips with some different revision strategies.

It was also explained to them that their current approach to learning grades are a reliable way of determining if they are on course for better grades than we would be expecting as they secured grade 1's, on course for achieving what we would be expecting by securing grade 2's or starting to fall behind what we would expect by securing grades 3 and 4. Hopefully over the Christmas period students can reflect on what has gone well and what has not gone so well, and start next term with a plan on how to make the next term even more successful.

Please do not forget that students should now be busy trying to secure themselves a work experience placement for the final week of this academic year. I know some students are thinking about this as a few have approached me to ask questions about the suitability of possible places they are thinking of working at. My advice to them has been to see Mrs Lambert in the Careers office next to the library in the Meridian building and if your son/daughter does have questions about this, then this is the best place to direct them to. Please can we ask that the moment the forms are filled in that they be returned to school so that we can start doing our health and safety checks on the places they have picked that would be great?

I hope you have a good week.

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