

Year 10 Parent Notes

We are now over a week in to the new academic year and the majority of Year 10 have settled extremely well. They by now will have experienced every subject that they are studying this year and it is important that they understand every hour counts. The content they are learning about now at the beginning will be of huge importance as we go through the two years, and could even come up in their summer exams as Year 11.

Next week students are going to be asked to reflect on the progress they made last year in terms of grades or their general attitude towards school. Students will be asked to consider what they were most proud of last year and what goals they would like to achieve this year. They will also be setting themselves some SMART targets to allow them to reach these goals. Please do ask your son/daughter about their own personal goals and how they plan to realise them over the coming year. The theme for this year is 'building resilience', a vital skill for being successful at GCSEs. It would be brilliant if you could support what we are doing at school by having conversations with your child about what it means to be resilient in life and how they can achieve this, both in school and out of school.

Please accept my apologies, in last week's note the wrong location for the Year 10 Parent Information Evening was sent out and thank you to the number of parents who contacted me to clarify which location was the correct one. I can confirm that the Year 10 location is in the **Meridian Dining Hall**, the timing is still correct and we look forward to seeing you there.

Not every student has a planner this year as all homework will be posted on FROG, our school Virtual Learning Environment. Planners are still available to purchase should a student want one. If your son/daughter is keen you can purchase one online for them through your school account or your son/daughter can take cash to the Finance Office during break or lunch. The cost of a planner is £3.00. Please check your child's FROG page every night to ensure that they are managing their homework effectively. Most homework's are not marked using the FROG programme and so it may appear as though your child has not completed it or not had it marked. Please be aware that their work is most likely to be marked in school as a paper submission. You will know if your child is not keeping up with home work through the conversations that you have with them and through their behaviour point score on their FROG page.

We pride ourselves on the huge range of enrichment activities that are available for the students to participate in at Oxted School. Some of the most popular clubs are chess club, badminton, the debating society, football, and orchestra. In addition, we also have an exciting school production this year called 'Anything Goes', and students have had the chance to audition to take part. There are also opportunities for students who do not wish to act to take part as well.

If your child has not started doing any enrichment activities, please encourage them to, even if it is to try something new that they have never done as it would be hugely beneficial to them. The full list of enrichment opportunities are linked on the school bulletin.

An upcoming enrichment activity is the sponsored walk which takes place on Friday 29 September. Sponsorship forms can be found on the school website via the link on the school bulletin. Please encourage your son/daughter to actively seek sponsorship for taking part in this walk from friends and family as the funds which are raised are reinvested for the wider benefit of Oxted School students. It is also an excellent day for Year 10 students to strengthen the bonds that they have.

I hope you have a good weekend.

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