

## Year 10 Parent Notes

It has been a busy half term for Year 10 with thoughts and focus being firmly directed towards them making the most positive start to their GCSE studies. Hopefully the students will appreciate the rest over half term to recharge their batteries and be ready for another exciting half term of learning and opportunities leading up to Christmas.

In assembly this week we were delighted to welcome in the Junior Leadership Team who launched the Shoebox Appeal. This is an annual tradition where we ask tutor groups to prepare a shoebox full of presents, such as paper, colouring pencils, pens and some small toys. These boxes are then sent to places around the world and given to children who over Christmas will unfortunately not receive anything. This is a very worthwhile cause and I would like to encourage as many of our students in Year 10 to take part in this wonderful opportunity.

Also in assembly we looked at the number of behaviour logs I am seeing for homework. Unfortunately not completing homework and meeting deadlines is something that is starting to creep back into the mind-set of some Year 10 students and I would like to ask for support in ensuring that your child is completing the homework that is set for them. Homework at GCSE is vital as it really allows the students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the topics being covered in their lessons. It also provides them with an excellent opportunity of extending their learning that will enable them to go on to achieve the top grades.

If your son/daughter is struggling to keep on top of their homework, please do encourage them to turn up to **SHOW**time every Tuesday and Thursday after school in F29, where they will have access to a computer, and a place to just sit quietly and complete work. This room has a member of staff working in there to ensure that work is being done, and is also available to support as best they can during that hour.

Year 10 should recognise that the school day does not necessarily end at 3.20pm and that by staying after school they have a greater access to their teachers. Students that stay after school to work independently are on the road to being very successful over the next two years.

I would like to congratulate the following Tutor groups for being 'Tutor Group of the Fortnight' for accumulating the most House Points over the last fortnight. First place this fortnight goes to 10GE with 399 points collected, followed by 10FW in second place with 378 and in third place is 10TN with 337. Well done to these three tutor groups and keep up the hard work.

We also congratulated 15 students for being the 'Tutee of the Month' who were nominated by their tutor. There were many worthy reasons they were nominated for ranging from achieving the most House points for the tutor group to competing in sporting events outside of school, as well as completing voluntary acts for charity. I do hope they came home and told you about the reason they were nominated as it was a pleasure to read all the reasons out explaining why they were selected by their tutor.

I hope you have a restful half term.

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