

## Year 10 Parent Notes

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful half term. This half term we will be mainly focusing on ensuring students are getting themselves prepared for their Work Experience which will happen during the last week of this academic year.

This is a great opportunity for students to experience a work week, and hopefully in a career that they wish to go in to in the future. During tutor time over this half term, students will be having discussions about this and they will be completing some preparatory work over the next few weeks. If your child does not have any idea about what they may want to be doing in the future career wise, then please do get in contact as it may be possible to organise a careers interview with an adviser who is attached to school who could help with this.

At the end of last half term homework completion and not meeting deadlines was a concern and was 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. The start of a new half term is a possible new start for a different work ethic with regards to homework and it would be an amazing achievement if as a year group that could receive fewer behaviour logs over this half term considering it is longer than the last.

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. It is also an opportunity for teachers to find out if students have struggled with a particular part of the course they are teaching and then allows them to effectively plan on how to fill in some of the gaps that could have appeared in students' knowledge. If homework is not completed this is a missed opportunity to find this out and could have implications in any exams in the future.

If your son/daughter is struggling to keep on top of their homework then 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. This room could also be used as a quiet revision area as there are numerous desks where students can also work, and it could just be that they turn up to create revision aids for some of the topics they have already completed since starting Year 10. It is never too early to be preparing revision aids.

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 hope you have a good week.

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