

## Year 10 Parent Notes

Year 10 had their first assembly on Thursday this week, which focused on resilience and goal setting. Students were also introduced to the idea that their GCSE journey is a marathon and not a sprint. To be successful at the end is about steady hard work over the next two years, rather than sprinting at the start and running out of energy at the end, or going too slowly at the start and then having to play catch up as the exams draw closer. This fits in well with our overall theme of developing resilience over the year as there are going to be some ups and downs over the next two years and their ability to bounce back and persevere will aid them in being successful at the end.

Following on from the assembly students are going to be asked to create three SMART targets during tutor time next week. These can range from academic goals such as 'I want to go from a grade 4 to 5 in English by Christmas', to school-wide goals such as 'I will attend an enrichment club before October half term', or 'I will gain 50 achievement points by Christmas'.

These SMART targets will be sent home for you to sign and return to tutors. This is an opportunity to have a positive conversation with your son/daughter about the year to come and how they plan to succeed both in and out of lessons. These targets will be reviewed in tutor time the first week back after Christmas, to see how students are progressing, and amend and change targets based on this progress.

Students were also introduced to Showtime in this week's assembly. Showtime is an acronym for 'Supporting Homework = Outstanding Work' and will be commencing at the end of September.

Showtime will be offered to all students to attend after school, where a teacher will be in a quiet study area to allow students time and support to complete homework. However, those students with a number of behaviour points for no homework will be asked to attend twice a week, with parental agreement, to ensure students get into good routines with homework completion.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parent Information Evening on Thursday. I hope you found it useful and informative and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on the email address below, or regarding individual student queries, tutors should be contacted as a first port of call.

Random 'equipment checks' have been taking place during tutor time over the first two weeks back and these will continue all year as it is vital that students have the correct equipment so that they are turning up to every lesson ready to learn. All students are expected to have a blue/black pen, pencil, eraser and ruler with them for all lessons to avoid any disruption to learning. It is desirable to have a glue stick and a green biro as well if possible. For your convenience, it is worth noting that all of the equipment can be bought for 10p each from the Maths department. Any student without the correct equipment during the checks will be asked to sit a lunchtime detention with me.

A reminder that next Friday is the school's traditional sponsored walk. We are looking to raise as much money as possible to further support the students at Oxted School.

Students should all have a sponsorship form in the colour of their House. Spares can be found on the school website. Please sponsor your children who will be walking the surrounding countryside of Oxted within their House.

Students will be required to take a packed lunch and plenty of drink, please avoid students taking fizzy drinks. Students should also have sun cream and a hat, in case of hot weather. A packed lunch will be collected on the morning of the sponsored walk for those students who receive Free School Meals.

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