

## **Year 10 Parent Notes**

This week you should have received the first set of grades for Year 10. These grades are a reflection of how well they have settled into life in Year 10 over this past term and should hopefully have highlighted the subjects where it is going extremely well and which subjects there may need to be a bit more focus taking place.

At this point it is imperative to say that the key grade to be looking at is their Attitude to Learning Grade. We have changed what each number signifies as their Attitude to Learning, with a '1' still being the best and indicating that the student is going above and beyond in lessons and in their learning in that subject. A '2' indicates that a student is doing everything the teacher expects of them and is doing well. A '3' signifies that the student is a bit passive in their learning and needs to start engaging in the lesson and their learning in that particular subject. A '4' indicates that they are behavioural issues which are causing a significant barrier to their learning and them achieving their potential.

Students need to make sure that they make every effort with every piece of work they complete as this will enable their teachers to construct the most accurate picture at what grades they should be expecting at the end of Year 11, and even though this may not be beneficial now for this particular set of grades, it is something we need the students to bear in mind for the remainder of the year.

Hopefully the Progress Review Evening was full of positives for your son/daughter and that during the evening both you and your son/daughter now have a better understanding of where they currently are with their GCSE studies in subjects you were able to see. It is now vital that students take on board the comments of their teachers, especially the ones that are concerned with how they can improve and start implementing them into their lessons and work. All the advice that was given out on this evening will help the students improve their grades but only if they put that advice in to action.

The school show 'Anything Goes' will be running every evening at 7pm in the Main Hall from Tuesday 5 December – Saturday 9 December (with a 1.30pm matinee on the Saturday). Tickets are available from the Finance Office at £5.50 for students or any under 16s and £7.50 for adults (exact cash or cheques please). We would be delighted to see you and your friends and family. Spread the word and get your tickets!

In line with this – congratulations and well done for taking part and giving up so much time to the following Year 10 students: Daniel Page, Mia Laird, Siena James, Constance Budgen, Poppy Parker, Anabel Cooper, Summer Kerr, Jemima Hanrott, Kirsty Eagles, Matthew Hosp, Lalita Francis-Bird and Claire Chappell.

Finally, a reminder that the next guest speaker for Future Friday will be Zak Tait, ex-Oxted School Head Boy, on Friday 8 December. Zak will be talking about his time at Oxford University as a medical student and his work at the John Radcliffe Hospital and also his work with the charity 'Future Fertility Trust'. If your son/daughter is interested in attending this talk, please ask them to sign up via their tutor.

I hope you have a good week.

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