

Year 10 Parent Notes

You should have received the next set of grade sheets for this academic year this week. These grades reflect what teachers believe your son/daughter will achieve at the end of Year 11 based on their performance over the first half of this academic year. This is also based on the students continuing to work with the same intensity for the remainder of the course as well.

The key grade to be focusing on is their Attitude to Learning Grade, this will inform you which subjects it is going really well in with grades 1 and 2, and which ones may need a bit more of a focus on if they receive grades 3 or 4. These two grades reflect that in the teachers professional opinion there is more that the student can be doing in lesson and at home to really push up their Flight Path Grade.

It would be hugely beneficial if you could spend some time looking over these grade sheets with your son/daughter and asking them to reflect on what it is currently suggesting that the summer next year is going to look like for them. Would they be happy with this as a set of GCSE results, if yes, fantastic what could they be doing to ensure that this becomes a reality then? If no, what subjects are they disappointed with and what do they think they can do to start turning it around?

This week SLT have continued popping into lessons checking that students have the correct equipment and is something that will continue to happen, so could we please urge that you check that your son/daughter has the necessary equipment of a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler. This just means that they are prepared for every lesson, and valuable learning time is not lost by them trying to find someone to loan them the equipment they need to engage in the lesson. This will be essential as we draw closer to end of year exams where these pieces of equipment are vital in them being able to engage in the exams.

Please ensure that work experience forms are returned as soon as possible to school. Tutors are regularly updated with what students have brought in and what is still required so if they are unsure if they have provided the school with everything, then their tutor is the first person they need to be speaking to. Ms Lambert is still offering out lunch time drop in sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, so if your son/daughter is still struggling with finding a placement or has any questions about work experience could we please urge them to seek advice from Ms Lambert as I would very much like for all students to be off site during this week reaping the numerous benefits of work experience.

Miss Wheeler, Head of Geography has had quite a few requests from parents and students about what revision aids and guides are the most appropriate for the course they are studying. She has asked us to include the following information so that any Geography students know which guides the Geography department would recommend. We will also be getting in contact with other subjects and asking them for similar information that we can then pass to you through the bulletin.

Suggested Geography revision aids:

- **GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide:** Amazon.co.uk: Tim Bayliss, Rebecca Tudor, Catherine Hurst, Bob Digby: 9780198423461: Books
- **New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography AQA Revision Guide** (CGP GCSE Geography 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 9 May 2016 ISBN-10: 1782946101 ISBN-13: 978-1782946106
- **New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography AQA Exam Practice** Workbook (CGP GCSE Geography 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 5 Dec 2017 ISBN-10: 178294611X ISBN-13: 978-1782946113

Many thanks for your continued support this year and I hope you have a good week.

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