

## **Year 10 Parent Notes**

Assembly this week was taken by Mrs Euridge and Mr O'Flynn. The theme was about the new grading system and what it means to them as GCSE students. It was explained that the way GCSE exams are now marked is different and what implications this may have on them when they get to the end of Year 9.

Mrs Euridge then explained that even though parts of this is out of their control, the things that are in their control they can continually work over the next two years. The main message was about effort, the amount of effort they put in will be reflected in the grades they receive. Students should not be saying they do not have homework, even if it is not on Frog they could be going over old notes and turning them in to revision aids. They could be trying out some past papers from online or anything else that is extending their learning.

In the next few weeks, teachers will be busy inputting grades on to the system highlighting students current Flightpath Grade and Attitude to Learning Grades. Students still have a massive opportunity to influence these grades with in class assessments and homework that they will be completing. 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.

One of the key messages from this week's assembly was about the need for students to focus on their ATL grades, as this is an indication if they are doing everything in their power in that subject or if there are things they could be working on to improve further.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that we do have a Progress Review Evening taking place on Thursday 30 November and students should start thinking about booking in appointments to see as many teachers as possible, especially ones that they are being examined in. This will be a great opportunity to see how they have settled in to each of the GCSE courses they have picked as well as finding out what additional things they could be doing to ensure they are as successful as possible.

On a final note, as a school this week, we paid our respects to those who gave their lives in the armed forces in conflicts over recent times. There was a special remembrance service that took place during tutor time on Friday 10 November and some students from Year 10 Music were present during this service performing. There was also a representative from every tutor group present. Every tutor group also paid their respects by carrying out a minute's silence at 11.00am to commemorate those lives lost in wars.

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