



31 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 10 in the Summer Term

It has been really pleasing to have our students back in school. The transition from remote to classroom learning has gone smoothly. Feedback from my colleagues has been incredibly positive, and they are all looking forward to continuing the excellent progress being made into the summer term with all of our Year 10 students.

In terms of moving forward next term, I am totally aware that our main priority will be to continue with the teaching of their examination content and to consolidate previous learning. To support your son/daughter and to prepare for future assessments and examinations after Easter, departments will be offering supportive study sessions at either lunchtime or after school. In my experience, attending these sessions not only improves their final grades, but also gives them the necessary confidence and examination technique which can be transferred to all their subjects. I cannot stress enough the importance of these sessions and the need to attend. For examination success, students should be attending a minimum of two supportive sessions per week to consolidate and improve their subject knowledge and expertise, together with a further one to two hours of study per night at home to reinforce previous subject knowledge across all areas of their curriculum. This can take the form of completing homework or preparing for forthcoming assessments. Please see the attachment for the supportive study sessions available next term.

Homework is another crucial area which needs to be completed to a high standard and on time. This will not only allow your son/daughter's teachers to give specific feedback, but also show them where possible improvements can be made. All homework will be placed on 'Show My Homework'; please would you monitor this from your side. Again, if you have any concerns about the frequency, quality or feedback of homework, please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's classroom teacher, Head of Department, Head of Year or myself.

I am also in a position to inform you of a change to our examination schedule for Year 10. Normally, Year 10 students would be sitting their summer examinations after the Easter period, however, due to remote learning this term, we feel it would be beneficial to do these important assessments in June. This will allow more time for my colleagues to cover the curriculum content, and the necessary preparatory work to ensure all students have the necessary knowledge, practice and skills to fully access the assessment content. Hence, maintaining a high attendance and good punctuality is crucial for the forthcoming term. Having a high attendance is fundamental to ensure the best possible outcomes. Missing any lessons could prove detrimental and may disadvantage your child's progress. Please would you ensure that your son/daughter is committed to both their attendance and punctuality.

Communication is very important, so if you have any concerns or need my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Please can you also make sure your contact details are up to date, as this will help your child's teachers to correspond quickly and efficiently should they need to contact you.

I am immensely proud of our Year 10 students, with their resilience, spirit and overall character. The summer term will offer many challenges to us all, but I remain incredibly positive that **all** our continued support and your son/daughter's full commitment will allow them to achieve their academic potential.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either me or Mr Wyatt, Head of Year 10. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Enc: Year 10 Supportive Study Programme

Calendar item	Dates
Year 10 exams	21 June – 2 July 2021
Progress Check home	Week beginning 19 July 2021
Invitation Parents' Evening	September 2021

