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Dear Parents and Carers

End of year review- Year 10

It is exciting (and scary!) how quickly time is flying and how, come September, this group of students will be among the most senior group within the school with their GCSE exams in full sight. It really feels that with their first formal exam experience out the way, students are reaching a seminal moment in their school lives. For me, it has been wonderful taking on the leadership of this year group, building on their successes and moving forward with them.

The year has provided some key focus points. I have been so proud in watching the year group character continue to flourish this year. A year group that is typified by students who contribute so much to the school community through sport, extra-curricular, student leadership and voluntary work has continued to take precedent in many students' ambitions. We see on-going sporting success, particular in our Football and Netball teams and on the creative side, I have thoroughly enjoyed so many Year 10 students being a part of the whole school play, Mary Poppins, and music concerts throughout the year. We have a record number of students participating in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award and student leadership within the year group, driven by form captains, has seen some positive changes implemented for the wider school to benefit from.

On the academic side, students will have received their End of Year exam results. This is an important time as they digest the results and then set about planning for improvement, or perhaps they are encouraged that their positive and focused attitude resulted in more success. Tutors reported that the students commonly remarked that; *'it felt really different in the exam hall, 'I wish I had started revising sooner'* and *'it was more difficult when the exams came one after another'*. Therefore, it would be great if you were able to have that conversation with your child and help them to address their planning and organisation in time for the next series of mock exams.

I have thoroughly enjoyed running the Webinars, and I hope you as parents found this useful as well. This is something I would like to look to continue into Year 11. I have added some other key dates of what to look out for next academic year.



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Key dates:

Tuesday 15th September, Year 11 Parent Forum. At this event, we run through the year ahead in more detail and I would encourage you to attend, so that you are in the best position to support your child. We will set a time nearer the event.

Wednesday 30th Sept- Year 11 Parents' Evening in-person

9th Nov-16th Nov, Year 11 Mock exams round 1

19th Nov, KS5 Open evening

There is a lot more to expect in the coming year, and I will communicate this all in due course. For now, here are some more imminent events to expect. As always, to keep up the momentum at home and continuous practise and learning, I would recommend checking the Parent Padlet for revision tips and websites to use:

<https://padlet.com/JEBHayesSchool/year-10-gcse-support-75xxvdqe52oq596s>

Finally, I would like to recognise all the hard work, care and dedication that the tutors have shown in developing the students both academically and pastorally. They relentless driving of high expectations for all is shown through their genuine interest in the development of their tutees. We are sad to see Mrs Foster leaving the tutor team, and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming all students back in September as they embark on Year 11.

Kind regards

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