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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 10 End of Term Update

I trust this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the term, I am pleased to share with you the remarkable progress and achievements of our Year 10 students at Hayes. I am glad to recognise the dedicated and enthusiastic start to KS4 by all students. The transition to KS4 is a pivotal moment in their academic journey, and there is evidence from all that they have embraced the challenges with a commendable spirit. Academically, our Year 10 students have demonstrated significant growth and commitment to their studies. Through rigorous lessons and engaging classroom discussions, they have expanded their knowledge base and developed a deeper understanding of the subjects they are studying. Teachers have noted their increased participation, curiosity, and a willingness to explore topics in greater depth, which is indicative of their passion for learning.

Becoming independent learners

We have observed a remarkable emphasis on independent learning among our Year 10 cohort. Students are taking ownership of their education, through regular Sparx Maths tasks set centrally for all, demonstrating a strong sense of responsibility for their academic progress. This independence is a crucial skill that will serve them well as they continue to navigate their educational journey and beyond. Looking forward to next term, we will continue our focus on independent learning on Sparx but also start to introduce some Science tasks for the whole cohort. The best support you could offer as parents is frequently checking Satchel One and prompting your child to complete their homework and encourage independent learning.

Personal Growth

In addition to their academic achievements, there has been great steps in the personal growth of all students. The Year 10 students have shown maturity and resilience in adapting to the challenges of Key Stage 4. Their interactions with peers and teachers reflect a positive attitude, fostering a supportive and collaborative learning environment. Some stand-out highlights for me include: Poppy Selling on the High Street, return of sports fixtures, the school Christmas Concert and, of course, our Celebration of Achievement assembly last week where we were able to recognise the hard work of so many students.



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I extend my appreciation to you all for your continued support in fostering a conducive learning environment at home. Your encouragement plays a pivotal role in shaping their educational journey, and we are grateful for your partnership. As we approach the end of term, I encourage you to celebrate your child's accomplishments. We look forward to continuing this journey together and witnessing the continued success of our Year 10 students in the upcoming terms.

Upcoming dates:

One key date I wish to flag is <u>Wednesday 10th January</u> which is Year 10 Parents' Evening (in person). I am looking forward to meeting so many of you then.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor. Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season and a restful break.

Yours sincerely

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