

Year 10 Autumn Term 2019 Newsletter



Dear parents and carers

We were very pleased to welcome Year 10 back for the start of the new school year. This is a very early newsletter, so that we can invite you to our Year 10 information evening next week. This takes place on Wednesday 11 September, at 5.30pm in the school hall. We will be exploring with you:

- Coping with GCSE courses
- The GCSE grades structure, 9-1, and what this means
- Revision advice
- Graduation within and from KS4
- Early advice on what happens after KS4 and when to start looking

Team 10

The leadership of the year team is largely the same as last year, but with a couple of additions. Mrs Edwards remains as year leader, with Ms Hutchinson as strategic lead for the year. Miss Graham and Miss Miller remain as support to the year team, and are joined by Mr Buckingham. In addition, as we have moved from KS3 to KS4, we are now overseen by Mr Carter, Deputy Head, as many of you will have learned at the KS3 graduation ceremonies. We also have the direct support, as before, of Miss Gould, Student Support Mentor. Due to staff changes at the school, there have been some changes to tutors, given in bold in the list below. The new tutors all took over their tutor groups in the final weeks of last term, to ease the way into Year 10.

10.1 Ms Fell
10.2 Mrs Hensman
10.3 Dr Millett
10.4 Miss Rogers
10.5 Mr Evans

10.6 Mrs Vincent
10.7 Mr Chester-Brown
10.8 Miss Crickmore
10.9 Ms Reddington

Coming up this year for Y10

We have highlighted the events to which parents and carers are invited, and hope to see you at the events relevant to your child.

Wednesday 11 September	Y10 Information Evening	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 19 September	Elevate – study skills for all Y10 students	
Friday 4 October	Y10 Photography students visit to Burton Dassett	
Thursday 17 October	Y10 Art students visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park	
Thursday 17 October	Y10 HSBC communication skills workshop (selected students only)	
Friday 18 October	Teacher Day – students not in school	
Saturday 19 October – Sunday 27 October	Half-term holiday	
Monday 28 October	Teacher Day – students not in school	
Thursday 7 November	Y10 Drama students – Commedia showcase, 4-7pm	
Tuesday 16 December	Christmas Show	
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Saturday 21 December – Sunday 5 January	Christmas holiday	
Friday 21 February	Teacher day – students not in school	
Saturday 22 February – Sunday 1 March	Half-term holiday	

Thursday 19 March **Y10 subject evening** **3.30pm-7.15pm**
Wednesday 25 March Y10 Maths and Beyond
Thursday 9 April Year 11 and 13 in school, other students not in school
Friday 10 April – Sunday 26 April **Easter holiday**

Friday 8 May **Bank Holiday – students not in school**
Tuesday 19 May Elevate – revision skills for all Y10 students
Thursday 21 May **Y10 Drama students – scripted performance showcase, 4-7pm**
Saturday 23 May – Sunday 31 May **Half-term holiday**

w/b Monday 8 June Practical mock exams for Food Prep, Hospitality and Catering, Art, and
Photography
w/b Monday 15 June Written mock exams
Thursday 9 July Elite Awards Assembly
Thursday 9 July Y10 Art visit to Tate Modern
Monday 13 July Y10 graduation celebration (theme park visit)
Saturday 18 July onwards **Summer holiday**

Options

Students embark on their GCSE and other options this week, with many taking on subjects they've not studied before. Some will inevitably want to change. We ask that students give the new subjects a fair trial before requesting a change, but no changes will be made without parental consent and all changes need to be made before the end of September. We cannot guarantee that students will be able to secure another preference as these option subjects may already be full.

Graduation

We were proud and delighted that over 220 students successfully graduated from KS3 at the end of last term, and were pleased to see so many of you at the three graduation ceremonies. The hard work put in by the graduates will stand them in good stead as they embark on their courses for formal qualifications. There will be awards at the end of each term for those on track to graduate this year, including a theme park trip at the end of the school year.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns. We wish everyone a successful year, and look forward to seeing you and talking to you in the months ahead.

Year 10 Team



Please return to reception by Monday 9 September

Name of child _____ Tutor group _____

I/We will be attending the Year 10 Information Evening on Wednesday 11 September.

Yes
 No

Signed (parent) _____