

Year 10 Spring Term 2020 Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

A little belatedly, we hope you had a good Christmas, and we'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Team 10

The leadership of the year team remains the same: Mrs Edwards as year leader, and Ms Hutchinson as strategic lead for the year; with Miss Graham, Miss Miller and Mr Buckingham supporting them. Mr Carter, Deputy Head, is overseeing KS4. We have two new student support mentors, Miss Buckler and Miss Khan, who joined us at half-term after Miss Gould left to take up an exciting opportunity elsewhere. There have been a couple of changes to tutor groups, as Mrs Fletcher has returned from maternity leave and Dr Millet has moved on. The changes are shown in bold below.

10.1 Ms Fell

10.2 Mrs Hensman

10.3 Miss Rogers

10.4 Mrs Fletcher / Mr Grant

10.5 Mr Evans

10.6 Mrs Vincent

10.7 Mr Chester-Brown

10.8 Miss Crickmore

10.9 Ms Reddington

Coming up in 2020 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.

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**

Subject Evening

We hope to see you all later this term, on Thursday 19 March, when we have the first GCSE subject evening for this year group – this is your opportunity to come and talk to your child's teachers about their progress. You will obviously continue to receive termly data updates. The first of these for year 10 was emailed home just before Christmas. If you didn't receive yours for any reason, please let us know.

Mock exams and NEA (Non Examined Assessment)

Year 10 students will take mock exams just after the real GCSE exams this summer, with practical exams from 8 June, and written exams in the second half of June. Students will sit written exams in most subjects, which could make for a stressful week or two both at school and at home. Research shows that 'spaced repetition' revision – revisiting the same topics several times over a long period of time – is better than cramming at the end, and will save students a lot of the potential stress in the build-up to these mock exams. This is why we encourage students to use GCSE Pod, Tassomai, and Hegarty Maths throughout their courses.

Some subjects are either based around, or include, NEA – non-examined assessment, formerly referred to as coursework. In Art and Photography GCSEs, and in the vocational qualifications (BTECs etc), the NEA takes place throughout the whole course, with some of the work they have already undertaken being a formal part of their assessment. Students need to be aware of this, and again, not leave things until later in the course.

The key to success over these two years is to regard this as a marathon, not a sprint. If students are working hard enough *consistently*, they will reap the rewards.

Graduation

Approximately 180 year 10 students were on track to graduate at the end of last term, and received a chocolate selection box as a reward. Congratulations to them. The hard work undertaken by the graduates will stand them in good stead for their lead up to formal qualifications. There will be another reward at the end of this term for those on track, and 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 happy 2020, and look forward to seeing you and talking to you in the months ahead.

Mrs Edwards Ms Hutchinson Mrs Graham Miss Miller Mr Buckingham Mr Carter
Year 10 Team