

24th May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Summer Term

I write with information about the key events in the Year 10 calendar for the remainder of the school year.

Year 9/10 Sports Day

Sports day for Year 10, held in the same format as previous years, will take place in June. As ever I would encourage students to get involved in as many activities as possible and take advantage of what will be their last school sports day at The Blue.

Year 10 Mock Exams

Beginning on Monday 17th June, all Year 10 students will sit mock exams in English, Maths and Science. Students have been informed about how this will work in assembly. The purpose of these mock exams is not only to gain an accurate picture of how students are progressing in these subjects, but also to allow them to experience the process of sitting the real GCSE exams as they will do next year. This involves a gathering in Kennion Hall for a short pre-exam talk before dropping their bags in a secure room and entering the examination hall. Any students who qualify for any additional exam allowances will also have the chance to experience how this will work for them in the final exams next year. In addition to these formal mock exams in the core subjects, there will also be several end of year tests and mini-exams which take place in lesson time over the next few weeks.

Year 10 Work Experience

As you will be aware, Year 10 students are set to complete their work experience week from Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July. There are a fantastic range of placements arranged for Year 10 students! During the work experience week, members of the Year 10 team will be out and about visiting students and talking to their employers for the week about the progress they are making. As parents/carers, we encourage you to spend some time in advance of the week checking the requirements of the placement to ensure that your son/daughter is fully prepared for the activities that they will be partaking in. If you have any questions or concerns about this, then please do be in touch with the school office with a request to speak with our careers office.

Attendance

As your son/daughter may have informed you, our key focus for this term as a school is attendance. Attendance at this time in your child's education is proven to be absolutely crucial in ensuring that they are able to achieve their full potential in their GCSE examinations. All students have been informed of their current attendance percentage and we have been working in tutor time to discuss the importance of attending school regularly. At The Blue, we set students the target of 97% attendance. We will continue to review attendance with students throughout Year 11. If you have any questions about this or would like any advice then please do be in touch.

I am sure that the term ahead will be yet another where we are able to celebrate yet more successes within the year group. We look forward to seeing how students respond to the new challenges that face them and watching them grow into the official 'big kids' in school once Year 11 have departed!

Yours Faithfully,



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