



Friday 5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been an absolute joy to see our Year 10 students return to school this week, beginning their Key Stage 4 journey with such enthusiasm. We are so proud of the way they arrived on Wednesday – on time, in full and correct school uniform, and looking exceptionally smart. They have set a fantastic tone for the year ahead.

On Wednesday morning, students attended an inspiring assembly with Mr Lowdell, who shared our high expectations for the coming two years and encouraged them to set ambitious goals for themselves. In the weeks to come, assemblies will cover the formalities of sitting public examinations and provide guidance on how to prepare effectively for external assessments. A particular focus this term will be the first GCSE mock Religious Studies examination, scheduled for late October.

A reminder that Curriculum information for all subjects is available on our website under the *Learn and Curriculum* tab: [Learning Journeys](#)

Careers education forms a vital part of the Year 10 experience. This year's theme is Exploring, and students will continue their careers journey through the Tutor Time and PHSE curricula, as well as dedicated careers events. They will explore:

- How to get a job and careers they may be interested in
- Post-16 options and global challenges that influence the world of work
- What the world of work is really like

Students will also continue to deepen their knowledge of careers and pathways through work experience and their subject lessons, where teachers will highlight a range of careers connected to their subjects and share real-life stories about routes into those careers. Please do visit our school website for further details about our careers provision [Careers Section on the Website](#).

This term in tutor time, Year 10 students will continue to build on their PSHE learning journey with a focus on key British values, including human rights, individual liberties, and respect and tolerance for others. Through discussions and activities, students will be encouraged to reflect on how these values shape both their personal lives and the wider community. Alongside this, our weekly current affairs quiz will keep students engaged with national and global events, developing their awareness of the world around them. We will also continue to reinforce literacy across the curriculum, supporting students to strengthen their reading, writing, and communication skills in all subjects. Your child's tutor should be your first point of contact if you have any questions and contact details of your child's tutor can be found in the [Meet the Team](#) section of our website.

We would like to remind parents and carers that important information regarding your child's attendance, behaviour, timetable, homework and academic progress can be accessed via Go4Schools, [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#) and we strongly encourage you to check this regularly. For students in Year 10, tutors continue to be the first point of contact, as they know their students best and play a vital role in supporting them. We would also like to highlight the Digital Learning Hub and the school website as valuable resources for both students and parents/carers in navigating and supporting the journey through Year 10 and beyond.

We are also excited to share details of our upcoming Race for Life event on Friday 26 September, where we will once again support Cancer Research UK. Students will take part during Tutor Time and period 5, running or walking a marked route around the school field. On this day, students should come to school wearing their NLS PE kit and NLS blazer, and they may also wear a pink item or accessory to show their support. We are encouraging all students and staff to donate £1, either in cash or via ParentPay. This is always a wonderful whole-school event, and we look forward to seeing our community come together for such an important cause.

I am incredibly proud and excited to be starting this Key Stage 4 journey with Year 10. With their hard work, full effort, and by living our school's CORE values, I am confident that our students will exceed expectations, surpass their targets, and achieve great success over the next two years.

Warm regards,



Alan Boyes