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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you and your families had a restful and enjoyable six week break. As we begin the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome your child back to school as they embark on an important milestone—Year 10.

Year 10 marks a significant stage in your child's educational journey, as they begin their GCSE and BTEC courses. As students in Year 10 they will all sit their RE GCSE exams towards the end of this academic year. These next two years are crucial for laying the foundation for their future success, not only academically but also in terms of personal growth and development. I have every confidence that, with your support and the dedication of our fantastic teaching staff, your child will rise to the challenges ahead and make the most of the opportunities this year presents

This year, we will be encouraging students to take more responsibility for their learning and behaviour as they continue to mature into young adults. Our aim has been to provide enough guidance to ensure that your child is organised, punctual, and fully engaged with their lessons, while also maintaining our CORE values. As role models for the younger year groups, they will also be expected to contribute positively to our school community.

As always, we are here to support your child every step of the way. The move into Year 10 can sometimes feel daunting, as exams begin to loom on the horizon. Our staff, tutors, and pastoral team are fully committed to ensuring that each student receives the academic and emotional support they need to succeed. A reminder 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. If you or your child ever feel uncertain or concerned about their progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Learning Journeys

All our Learning Journeys, which contain curriculum information for all subjects, are available on our website within the Learn and Curriculum tab, linked here [Learning Journeys](#) within each subject.

In year 10 within PSHE, students will be covering a variety of topics in Health & Wellbeing (Building for the Future, Drugs and Crime), Living in the Wider World (Numeracy and Finance, Digital Literacy) and Relationships (Black History Month and Anti Bullying) for example

Careers in Year 10

In the summer newsletter, we requested some feedback on our careers provision. This is to support a bid to achieve the National Quality in Careers Award. We really would welcome your support in completing this short survey, which will provide evidence for this bid. The survey can be found [here](#).

Last year, when your child was in Year 9, they were introduced to the world of careers through their Tutor Time and PHSE curriculum. Some of the careers based learning they have discovered about are:

- Identifying transferable skills, abilities and interests (Grow through life.)
- Different types of employment and career pathways (Explore possibilities.)
- How careers information can support their GCSE choices.
- Employment rights and responsibilities (Balance life and work.)
- Interview skills (Explore possibilities.)
- Inequality at work (Balance life and work.)

They also learned more in depth how different Post 16 options can open doors on a range of different types of careers through:

- A Post 16 careers event that developed their understanding of Apprenticeships and T Levels hosted by an external provider from one of our local colleges.
- [Their subject curricula where subject teachers have shared information and real-life stories of a range of careers and routes to those careers that link to their subject.](#)

Online Safety

You can find the latest Online Safety newsletter on our website, which includes information regarding the newest feature Snapchat have announced recently to help protect 13-17-year-olds. You can view the [Online Safety September Newsletter here.](#)

Other key pages to use on our website include [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#), [Parentpay](#) and [Free School Meals](#) for those that may be eligible.

We are all excited to see what this year holds for your child and, I have no doubt that, with hard work, determination and support they will achieve great things. Let's work together to ensure that Year 10 is a positive, productive and successful year for them.

Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and I look forward to continuing my strong partnership with you throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Royle
Year 10 Lead