



Friday 6 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 have had a fantastic return to school this week. Standards of students' uniform has been excellent so thank you to all parents and carers for their support with this. The Year 11s also displayed a fantastic attitude in their first assembly of the year, led by Mr Lowdell, where the focus was on being the best versions of ourselves. We also celebrated the achievements of last year, particularly the GCSE RE results. We are so proud and of particular note is that 97% of students achieved or exceeded their target grade. The specifics are as follows:

Grade	Percentage of students
1 - 9	97%
4 - 9	85%
5 - 9	79%
7 - 9	50%

These are truly remarkable outcomes and demonstrates that students are rewarded for their consistent efforts. Personal and academic success has been proven to be underpinned by students demonstrating world class basics. Excellent uniform, attendance and punctuality will continue to be a key focus this year as students prepare for their GCSE exams next summer so that students have the best opportunity to make positive progress in their lessons at school.

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 11 within PSHE, students will be covering a variety of topics in Health & Wellbeing (Independence and staying safe), Living in the Wider World (Financial capability) and Relationships for example.

All students have received their timetables both through Go4Schools, and an ID card with a copy of their timetable. Please remind your child to keep this safe; lost ID cards will be available at a cost through Parent Pay.

Next week students will begin attending their DTTR enrichment sessions during tutor time on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as per their timetable. These sessions will be invaluable in providing students the opportunity to be supported in areas of development within different subject areas.

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.

Students will be attending the following week their first College assembly of the year with their College Leader, where we will welcome the new Year 7 students, reflect on celebrations from last year and look forward to key upcoming events.

In the summer newsletter, we requested some feedback on our careers provision. This 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 10, 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:

- The influence of role models and how to become a positive role model to peers (Create opportunities.)
- How to maintain a good mental health (Balance life and work.)
- How the recruitment process works through securing a work experience placement.
- The different levels of apprenticeships and the qualifications they can lead to.

Students also explored in Year 10 Post 16, as well as some Post 18, options, and how they can lead to a range of different types of careers through:

- A careers fair that included a range of forty education, employer and training providers.
- [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.](#)

Finally, 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.

Thank you for your continued support; I really look forward to continuing to work with you and your child this academic year.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler
Year 11 Lead