

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers,

**An invitation to  
YEAR 10 GCSE Q&A EVENING on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm**

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents/carers to our **YEAR 10 GCSE Q&A EVENING** on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. This is an opportunity for us to provide information on what to expect throughout KS4 and to work together to raise achievement of Year 10 students. Ms Legg will also be presenting a study skills session, to share best practices for reinforcing the key messages in the classroom and at home.

We have run this event for the past eight years and received very positive feedback from parents who appreciated having an opportunity to find out more about their child's studies at this important stage in their learning journey. We are repeating the event once again to promote success for all Year 10 students now and in their GCSE exams over the next two years.

From **6pm** a range of activities have been arranged to help parents/carers to work with and support their child with their GCSE studies. In workshops you will be able to:

- Find out about arrangements for Work Experience and careers advice through our partnership with Reed in Partnership.
- Find out about GCSE exam requirements, controlled assessments and key dates for the year.
- See examples of GCSE coursework and controlled assessments.
- Meet Year 12 students who have recently and successfully completed GCSEs; they will share their experiences and advice, and help to inform you about the pathways beyond GCSE.
- Extra learning opportunities available at school.

Parents form a critical part of students' study habits, and are ideally placed to help reinforce effective study habits while discouraging poor ones at home. **At 7pm** Ms Legg will present a workshop on:

- What an ideal study environment looks like
- How to ensure students are able to maximise concentration.
- What role technology plays in aiding study and how to ensure it doesn't become a distraction.
- Sharing of core skills necessary for student success, and signs to look for at home when students are not using them.
- Q & A

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**The Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening takes place on Thursday 22nd February 2018 from 4.30 – 7.30pm**, when you will meet your child's subject teachers to talk specifically about their progress and what they need to do to improve in the final months before their exams.

We look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm and again on 22nd February 2018.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Roper  
Head of Learning – Year 10