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Dear parent/carer

Year 10 Termly Update – Spring Term

We are writing to share key updates and priorities for Year 10 this term. Regular communication with families is important to us and this letter is intended to keep you informed about what your child will be experiencing in school and how we can continue to work together to support them.

Year 10 successes this term

We are pleased with how Year 10 have started the term. In particular student engagement and success throughout their first PPE window in January. This was the students' first opportunity to showcase the progress they have made so far in their subjects. It has also given students a benchmark to start from, with the ambition for all students to achieve and even surpass their target grades.

Homework intervention has been set up each Wednesday from 3 – 4pm. Students are able to attend and take ownership of their own learning, using the time and resources effectively for their subjects.

A wide range of achievements outside of the classroom, with many students involved in various competitions and events both in the community and wider.

Key pastoral priorities this upcoming term

This term, our main pastoral focus for Year 10 is on the following areas:

1. Attendance

The more students are in school, the better their chances of achieving their desired outcomes and creating pathways to success. The target attendance for students is 96%. As a school, we are continuously monitoring students' attendance and working collaboratively to support students where needed to ensure students are maximising classroom time. To support us with this as parents/carers, please continue to work in creating morning routines which get students off to the best possible start each day, and where appropriate, contact the attendance team for any attendance queries.

2. Uniform

There is a clear expectation within the uniform policy as to what students are allowed and not allowed to wear. Over the past couple of months, we have noticed an increase in some uniform issues. It has been made explicitly clear to students that wearing the incorrect uniform will require them to go home to correct this. For any clarification, please use the link to access the uniform policy directly.

<https://www.uhs.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=709&type=pdf>

If you require any support for uniform assistance to enable students to maintain these expectations, please use the link provided below.

<https://www.uhs.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform+and+Equipment&pid=307>

Summer Term

Over the course of the summer term, students will be engaging with assembly and tutor time themes linked to careers, revision strategies and managing stress. There will also be themes coinciding with Earth Day, PRIDE Month and National School Sports Week to name a few.

Students will also be taking part in a drop-down day on Friday 22nd May. More details will be provided closer to the time.

Several department-specific trips are also taking place throughout Summer. Letters will be communicated home separately about these opportunities.

Key dates and reminders

Please make a note of the following:

Year 10 Parents evening on Thursday 14th May.

Year 10 PPE exams commencing Monday 22nd June.

Year 10 End of Year rewards trip provisional date is Thursday 16th July.

Further details can always be found on the school website or via Arbor.

Communication and contacting the Year Team

If you have a question or concern, please contact the school via parents@uhs.org.uk
We aim to acknowledge all messages within 24 hours. Some matters may take longer to investigate, but we will always keep you informed.

We kindly ask that parents contact the school in the first instance rather than individual staff members, as this helps us respond efficiently and consistently.

Thank you for your continued support. When school and homework together with shared expectations, students are far more likely to succeed.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further clarification or support.

Yours sincerely

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