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Dear Parent/Carers

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to thank you for your help and support in ensuring that your child continues to make progress in school.

Year 10 students are already halfway through their GCSEs and will continue to cover essential material that they will need for their final exams next year. As you know, students are also sitting their English Literature exam this May and so need to take every opportunity to ensure that they are secure with their knowledge and exam technique. It is therefore crucial that they keep a good attendance record next term.

In light of this, there is an English Literature revision day taking place during our INSET day on **Monday 16th April**. Students will be with their English teacher and will cover a lot of content in preparation for the exam. Students will also be issued with revision packs that will help to focus revision in the last few weeks leading up to the exam. The day will run from 10:15 until 2:30 and all students that attend will receive a free lunch (please can you let us know if not attending so that we can arrange the number of lunches that we will require). Obviously, the more preparation that we can do with students now, the better prepared they will be for the exam and so your support in ensuring that students attend is appreciated.

You will receive your child's next **short report** on **Wednesday 16th May** and the **long report** on **Wednesday 18th July**. Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parents' Evening in January, your support is both appreciated and vital in ensuring your child realises their potential in school.

The Summer Term is, as always, packed with valuable opportunities and events for Year 10, with **Mock Exam Week (18th – 22rd June)** where assessments will be replicating conditions that they will face next summer, **Work Experience (25th – 29th June)** and **South Cheshire College taster days (4th – 5th July)**. Thank you to parents who helped students to source a place for their work experience. It is such an important week and will help students to gain confidence, independence and some desirable experience in the field of work that they are interested in.

Please ensure that your child returns to school after the holiday wearing the appropriate uniform. In particular, please make sure that girls' skirts are knee length and made of non-stretchy fabric. Additionally, piercings are restricted to one pair of earrings, worn in the lobe of the ear. Thank you for your continued support in making sure that our students look smart and professional.

As a staff, we have worked hard with Year 10 this year to make sure that homework is productive and valuable to the students, particularly in light of the changes to the GCSE exams. Please continue to check your child's planner on a weekly basis...they should be doing homework every night! The majority of students do homework on time and it is completed well. There are measures in place for those who struggle with homework (every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school) and other students are on a homework report with their form tutor. Homework is such a valuable tool during GCSEs as it can help with work surrounding the topics covered in lessons, it could help with exam technique and more than anything, it is consolidating the learning that is taking place in school.



Behaviour from a **small** number of students has been a concern this half term. Myself, Mr Postlethwaite and Mrs Brett have taken steps to ensure that students are in school to make academic progress in a safe environment. This has included some students being placed on report, some students losing out on social times and some students working away from their peers to avoid disruption in lessons. Thank you for your support with this, we all want the best from our young learners and these measures mean that students can work hard to achieve their potential.

There are lots of positives too with many year 10 students receiving postcards home from teachers for excellent work. Those students who have made excellent academic progress across all subjects have had hot chocolate and Oreos and a small group (with full attendance, no behaviour points or missed homework) have enjoyed a lunch at Chiquitto's. I would like to do a lot more positive rewards as we move into the summer term.

I hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely



Miss C Pownall
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