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Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter a new term I would like to share with you my reflections on a positive first term, and the areas of improvement for my year group. The positivity and maturity shown by Year 10 means we are in a good position for this term and the upcoming assessments. Assessment week for Year 10 commences on the 9 February. We will push Year 10 students in and out of the classroom to take that next step towards their target grades and beyond. These assessments will show me if your child has taken the next step on their journey towards GCSE success; it is imperative that Year 10 students apply their best effort and resilience towards their assessments as 2 out of the 3 formal mocks they will sit are in 2026. Our first formal mocks are at the end of Year 10.

I endeavour to push each student to achieve the very best they can: I will be looking towards the upcoming assessments with the expectation that Year 10 have remembered the basics of preparation and revision in order to progress at an above expected rate. The following questions should be answered positively by each Year 10 regarding their upcoming assessments:

- A. Have I completed all of my consolidation learning, with my full effort?
- B. Which subject am I aiming to make an improvement in, and how have I taken the steps to achieve this?
- C. Which subject do I think I will perform the best in, and how can I use those good study habits to improve in other subjects?

For students aiming for a grade 7 or above in their subjects please be aware of a further 2 questions to help your child guide their assessment preparation:

- D. Which is my biggest area to improve in [Subject] and how will I make sure to prioritise this topic when revising? Some students may prioritise flashcards, revision maps, summarising notes etc. as their way to ensure they spend adequate time preparing.
- E. Which subject am I willing to push myself further to achieve the best possible results - how am I showing this in lessons and during consolidation weeks?

I ask parents and carers to continue working with the school regarding attendance. Year 10 has seen an uncharacteristic dip in attendance. It is crucial that students are attending school as often as possible - everything we wish to achieve is only possible if students are in the building as often as possible. Please continue to support us in this endeavour so we can re-establish our above national average attendance figures for Year 10. Please may I also ask for your support in ensuring that all Year 10 students are wearing the correct uniform and not wearing false eyelashes or double ear piercings.

Consolidation and revision outside of lesson time are a decisive factor in Year 10 & 11 success. Completing homework on time will make all the difference to students achieving their target grades through assessments, and in turn, in Year 11 terminal examinations. On this note, please see attached the homework calendar -

[Homework Calendar - Year 10 2025/26](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Miss Weston, your child's form tutor or myself.

Yours sincerely

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