



March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another term, it is important we reflect on the positives of this term. It has been a very productive term for the cohort. The vast majority of Year 10 students have handled the expectations and consolidation requirements well. This has led to positive assessment results during their 'mini-mocks'. It has been encouraging to see more Year 10 students exemplifying our value of resilience through their perseverance shown during assessment feedback. We are also proud to announce that our Year 10 Debate Team made it through to the final, narrowly missing out on winning the competition this year.

It has been a busy term with over 70 students involved in my interventions aimed at supporting students to achieve their very best. We continue in this endeavour with a new cycle of students. I would like to thank all involved parents and carers for their support and encouraging their child through this. The maturity and integrity shown by our intervention students thus far has been commendable. Our latest Year 10 interventions will run up until formal mocks and I hope I can count on your continued support to ensure our students get the most out of the support we are trying to provide. I would like to remind all parents and carers about mobile phones and the drive to have them out of sight, inside school bags for the duration of the school day. Students are aware of this and our stance is that with your support this will be a seamless transition after the Easter holidays, especially if year 10 students are mature in their mindset regarding mobile phone use at school. I continue to expect high standards of behaviour and uniform at all times from all year 10 students.

I would like to highlight the ways we have celebrated student achievement and success this term. Miss Weston and I ran a Pride Park Stadium tour to reward students for their participation and engagement in an intervention centred around positive study habits and consolidation. We have also celebrated the 'Student Stars' of our year group. 60 students were part of a pizza rewards lunch this week to celebrate their daily exemplary attitude, their resilience throughout the year and their excellent effort in assessments and in lessons. As always, we continue to send postcards home to celebrate the weekly wins from Year 10 students displaying our values. Please be on the lookout for these in email inboxes each week. We have recently celebrated two rounds of Double A Points, with students who have earned the most A Points for Integrity and Organisation being selected for a rewards breakfast. I will continue to celebrate student success, with the summer term being key as I will aim to celebrate successful formal mock exam results and continued exemplary displays of our values. We have also launched Trip Day 2026, with places offered through parent pay.

Upon our return to school, I will be directing the year group towards consolidation and early preparation for their formal mocks, as they are just around the corner in June. We will continue with tutor time revision for Maths and English, with weekly revision lessons delivered and students encouraged to organise their revision in advance and speak to their teachers about what is expected of them in assessments to be on track to achieve their individual target grades. Please can you continue to support the school in this matter and encourage your child to start their revision journey early. Our joint encouragement and support will make a positive difference with this year group, as I believe we have such a special cohort of students who truly care about their education and a very supportive set of parents/carers..

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](#)

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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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