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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Upcoming Year 10 Events

As we approach the final days of Year 10 we will be sharing some crucial tips on how pupils can best prepare for Year 11. We will share key dates in the calendar and also help parents to understand how they can best support their child towards outstanding academic success in the Summer of 2024.

### Step into Year II Evening

We would like to formally invite you to our upcoming **Step into Year 11 Evening**. This evening will take place on **Tuesday 18 July 2023 4:30 - 6:30pm**. This event will provide crucial information to prepare students for their move up to Year 11 and students will also receive their Year 10 Mock results.

This evening will be split into two sessions as detailed below:

- X band students to attend 4:30 5:30pm
- Y band students to attend 5:30 6:30pm

#### Year 10 Mock Exams & Schedule

Our Year 10 mocks are scheduled to take place from Monday 19th June to Thursday 7th July 2023.

Following the tips below will help students to feel more in control and less anxious on exam days.

- Get to bed at a sensible time. Late night revision is often counter-productive, students need sleep to reset and be alert for exams
- Students must ensure they arrive at the academy no later than 8.20am in order for the exams to start
  promptly. However, booster sessions will run from 8am with breakfast available to all students each
  morning between 7.45 8am. We would encourage all students to therefore be in the academy for
  7.45am on mornings with a 9am exam.

#### In exams students must

- Students must wear correct school uniform
- Follow all instructions from the invigilators

# In exams students must not

- Communicate in any way with any other student e.g. smiling at each other
- Have a phone in the exam hall
- Wear a watch
- Have paper or any other items in pockets

This is a crucial time for our Year 10 pupils as this set of exams will be used to arrange the class groupings and sets for Year 11. A good set of results at the end of this year will form a strong foundation for success in Year

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11. Attendance during this period is crucial as students will also be receiving booster sessions, masterclasses

and coursework catch-up sessions. You can find the full exam schedule here.

## Year 10 College Visits

As you can see in the schedule shared above, there are also a number of valuable opportunities to visit our local colleges. Your child should have signed up for these already if they are going on any of the visit experiences.

Please support us by ensuring your child is fully prepared for the Mock exams, and in celebrating their success on the evening of Tuesday 18th July..

Yours faithfully

Graham Birrell Vice Principal

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