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Dear Parent /Carer

As we are now in the summer term of Year 10, we wanted to provide you with an update on your child's curriculum and the arrangements for assessments which will be taking place before the end of the year.

Please be advised that if your child takes any of the following subjects then they will be taking part in incredibly important assessments over the next three weeks which will contribute to the final grade that they will receive in summer 2025:

- Creative I-Media (2 units)
- Sport (1 unit)
- Dance (2 units)
- Engineering (2 units)
- Performing Arts (2 units)
- Music (2 units)
- Enterprise (2 units)
- Health and Social Care (2 units)

In assembly last week, students were spoken to about the critical importance of the next few weeks in terms of being in school on time every day and prepared to work hard in lessons so that they can complete these assessments and achieve grades in-line with, or higher than, their target grades, which will then put them in an excellent position when they are in Year 11. Because of the critical nature of these assessments, your child may find their timetables are amended slightly over the next few weeks to ensure that they are given enough time to complete all of the work to the best of their ability.

Changes to vocational assessments mean that if students do not complete these assignments in time and to the required standard, they will need to complete a completely different assignment in Year 11, in addition to learning the theory aspects of the course for their examinations. This would put lots of extra pressure on your child during an already challenging year, which is why we are trying to alleviate this pressure for them by completing the units in Year 10.

Students have also been told about an exciting rewards initiative in which they will earn themselves a subsidised place on a rewards trip to Alton Towers if they achieve their target grades in these important assessments. Further information will be provided to you about this if your child earns themselves a place on the coach.



I would also like to make parents and students aware that, in the final half term of Year 10, they will sit another round of pre-public examinations (PPEs). These take place the week beginning 24 June; more information will be provided to parents in a parent information evening in May. Further information will be given to you about this evening in due course.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is in school on time every day, particularly over the next few weeks which are of critical importance in your child's education.

If you have any subject-specific queries regarding any assessments, please contact your child's teacher in that subject area. For any other queries relating to your child's progress, please contact myself, Miss Davis (Assistant Principal – Outcomes), Miss Green (Raising Attainment Lead KS4) or the Year 10 pastoral team (Mr Ryan and Mrs Kirby).

Yours sincerely

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