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Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher : Jennie Giovanelli

Welcome Back

As your child enters Year 10 to commence their GCSE studies, I thought it would be helpful to outline the year ahead and provide some key information on how the school and I will support your child through the coming two academic years.

The journey through Year 10 and Year 11 can bring many challenges, including; completing the course syllabus, meeting coursework deadlines, and developing effective revision and exam techniques. It can be a stressful and daunting two years; however I would like to extend our support to you for the year ahead: every single member of staff here at Kingsthorpe College is dedicated to supporting you and your child throughout this challenging time.

As part of the support we can provide for families, especially in the current 'cost of living crisis', I would encourage you to check if you are eligible for free school meals or the school is eligible to receive pupil premium funding for your child. If you are currently eligible, this status would not have changed, and you will receive additional information from the school about the support you can receive. You can apply for either free school meals or pupil premium funding through the following link.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Home-School Communication

Communication is important to us here at Kingsthorpe College so I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce you to the Year 10 team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Smith – Head of Year 10

Mrs Clifford – Deputy Head of Year 10

Mr Wade SLT Link to Year 10

Mr O'Leary - SENDCO

Mrs Rodger – Learning Director for English

Miss Turner – Learning Director for Maths

Mr Kent – Learning Director for Science

Additionally, our Year 10 tutor team bring a vast range of experience and will be your first point of contact should any issues arise. If you have any subject specific issues, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers or our Learning Directors.



Year 10 Classes and Setting

Your child has started their option courses and may have changed classes or moved sets in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. This information will be shown on your child's timetable. All setting decisions are made in the best interests of your child, but if you do have any further questions in relation to this, then please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor, or our Learning Directors for English, maths and science. For your information, this is what the class codes on your child's timetable mean:

English – all classes are mixed ability. The class number on the timetable (e.g. 11g/En2) doesn't correspond to any particular set or ability.

Maths and Science – maths and science classes are put into sets from 1 to 5. Sets 1 and 2 follow the Higher Tier (grades 4-9) and sets 3 to 5 follow the Foundation Tier (grades 1 – 5).

Support and Opportunities for Year 10

We aim to enhance the Year 10 experience by providing opportunities for both our parents and students. You will find a summary below that details the main events that will take place this year:

Key Dates for your Diary

22nd September 2022 **Meet the Tutor Evening** (15:30 – 18:00)

30th March 2023 **Year 10 Progress Evening** with subject teachers (15:30 – 19:00)

19th June to 30th June **Year 10 Trial Exams**

As Deputy Headteacher and the SLT link for Year 10, I am excited about the coming year and know how proud we will all be of Kingsthorpe College's Class of 2024 when their results arrive in August 2024 which seems like a long way off, but it will come round all too quickly. I know our students in Year 10 have an enormous amount of potential, as well as an extremely supportive environment in school and at home which should enable them to thrive and achieve their full potential. It is, however, vital that we don't underestimate the hard work needed to be successful, and that we all work together to support our students in dreaming big, working hard, and staying humble.

I look forward to meeting you again over the course of this academic year and if you do require any further advice or information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Year team.

Yours faithfully



Scott Wade
Deputy Headteacher