

18 September 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of some important key dates that will affect your child in the forthcoming months (see over) and also to pass on our delight at the fantastic start that they have made to the new academic year. In addition, you will find enclosed a copy of your child's GCSE target grades. These are calculated using Key Stage 2 assessment data and provide a realistic goal for your child to work towards over the next two years.

It is important to be aware students are being assessed at GCSE and BTEC **throughout** Year 10. As a result, good attendance is crucial for exams and assessments which will contribute towards final grades. Many subjects will also be beginning controlled assessments (which have replaced 'traditional' coursework) throughout May and June and it is vital that students have full attendance here.

We will be writing to you with more details of events throughout the year and aim to update the website with relevant information as soon as possible. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us in the Year Office or via the Student Support Area.

Yours sincerely

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## Key Dates for Year 10

Please find below dates to be aware of over the coming year. Those marked in bold are formal examinations which will count towards final GCSE results.

12 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 10 Assessment Period 1
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Work Experience Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	HPV Vaccinations – 1 <sup>st</sup> dose
<b>Tuesday 17 November</b>	<b>GCSE Dance set study &amp; performance piece</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	HPV Vaccinations – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 10 Assessment Period 2
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Business Studies Unit 2 examination</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Chemistry Unit 1 examination</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Maths Module 3 examination</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	HPV Vaccinations – 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose
17 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 10 Work Experience
7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Assessment Period 3
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>History Paper 1 examination</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Geography Unit 3 examination</b>

## Key dates for whole school

1 October	Open Day
2 October	Non Uniform Day (Jeans for Genes)
23 October	Teacher Training Day
26 - 30 October	Half Term
3 November	Chance to Dance
21/22 November	Music Concert
4 December	Wine and Wassaling
16 December	Carol Service
18 December	Staff Pantomime (1.30pm finish for those not attending)
21 December – 1 January	Christmas Holidays
4 February	Drama Evening
15 – 19 February	Half Term
2 – 16 April	Easter Holidays
3 May	Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 June	Half Term
28 June	Teacher Training Day
6 July	Chance to Dance
10/11 July	Summer Concert County Orchestra Week
16 July	Sports Day
26 July	Summer Holidays