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Year 9 into Year 10 update

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to you to explain the booklet accompanying this letter.

GCSE and BTEC preparation booklet – Am I moving towards success?

The booklet which accompanies this letter, has been designed by the year team to help your daughter consider the differences between being a year 9 and a GCSE student. The booklet will take your daughter through a number of topics and activities exploring how students can become and remain proactive GCSE and BTEC students. This booklet will be crucial in helping all of our students meet the challenge of their next phase.

Please find a rationale for each section of the booklet below;

UNDERSTANDING EVERYONE'S ROLES	This section is designed to help students consider their role in their learning and how they can ensure they're well placed to learn.
HOW ARE GCSE YEARS DIFFERENT TO Y9?	An exploration into the greater expectations of the GCSE and BTEC years and how they can meet this challenge.
THE IMPORTANCE OF 'WWW' AND 'EBI' IN YOUR LEARNING	A reminder for students of how they can make the most of teacher feedback and use it to move towards greater success in their subjects.
SETTING TARGETS	Helping students set SMART targets which measure improvement in all subjects.
WELLBEING CLUBS	This section highlights the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and a positive wellbeing to support while studying.
INTRODUCING THE Y11 PERIOD 6	An explanation as to why year 11 need to study for an extra hour.
WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?	A chance for the girls to visualise what success looks like for them and how they make this a reality.
A BRIEF GUIDE TO STUDY SKILLS	This section helps the girls to identify how they study best and what they should eliminate from their studying routine.
MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR REVISION	Some revision tips to help them with exams. Students should try these and consider what works for them throughout the GCSE and BTEC years.
EXAM BOARDS	A list of GCSE and BTEC exam boards. The specific exam boards provide the content and exams for our students.

This booklet will need to be completed before school resumes in September. Your daughter should keep the booklet at home so it can be consulted for revision strategies before any internal or external exams during Years 10 and 11. However, the themes your daughter is introduced to in the booklet will be revisited during PSHCE lessons, assemblies and other revision programmes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support through this very unusual phase of your daughter's education. We are really looking forward to supporting your daughter through her GCSE and BTEC years and we look forward to seeing her as soon as it is possible.

Kind regards,

Mr Daniel Robinson

Head of Year 9 into Year 10