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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Re: Y10 Ready Week - update

We have reached the halfway point of Y10 Ready Week. Students have completed 3 of 4 Options Introductory session and 3 of 4 Core Exams. I have been very pleased to hear about their engagement with the sessions and conduct during the exams from my colleagues – many of whom have described the vast majority of the week so far as ‘exemplary’ and ‘has met the expectations we have set out’.

Students have been reminded that if they wish to discuss a change in option subject they should come and speak to Miss Bliss to review the available subjects. In addition, please be aware that it is the individual student’s responsibility to ensure they have collected the Summer Task if they missed the introductory session.

Conduct within the Exam rooms has been excellent, and our external invigilators have been particularly impressed given this is Y9s first attempts at formal exam conditions. Those students with Extra Time and/or agreed Access Arrangements have worked well under their adjusted conditions. Access Arrangements testing is a formal process that will continue to take place over the next 6 months including reviewing any interventions that have been in place for these exams. I have been proud of how all the students have taken the exams procedures in their stride and been willing to ‘have a go’ even though they have felt nervous.

If I can make one plea though. Unfortunately, the Maths exams that has took place yesterday was delayed by a large number of students not arriving fully equipped. It is imperative that all students have a calculator and the basic Maths set which forms part of our Tools for Learning for all students in all year groups.

I look forward to working with the students on Friday to review their week and Year 9 in full ahead of their final preparations as they move into Year 11.

Kind regards

Ms Biddiss  
Head of Year 9