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Dear Parent / Carer

Get Set for Year 10

As we approach the final stages of Year 9, it is vital that students begin preparing for the start of their GCSE studies. To support them with this transition, we have a dedicated programme of tasks and activities scheduled throughout late June and early July.

The Get Set for Y10 programme will be officially launched to students in their assembly this Friday. You can view the presentation shared with students [Get Set for Year 10](#).

The transition programme consists of four key components:

- An 'Effective Revision' workshop – to be run as part of the launch assembly
- Year 9 Exams (English, Maths & Science)
- Introductory Sessions for chosen Option Subjects
- A 'Being Year 10 Ready' workshop

Year 9 Exams (Week Beginning 15th June)

These exams will assess material covered throughout Year 9. They will provide vital data to help us place students in the correct classes for next year, indicate potential exam tiers of entry for Science and Maths, and identify students who may require additional academic support through our tutoring programme.

Exam Details:

- English: 1 paper (60 minutes)
- Maths: 1 paper (90 minutes)
- Science: 3 papers covering Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (45 minutes each)

Preparation & Venue:

- Revision Support: This week, students will attend an "Effective Revision" session to help them structure their preparation over the next two weeks. Subject teachers will also explain the exam formats and post specific revision content on ClassCharts.
- Exam Conditions: Most exams will take place in the Main Hall under formal conditions. This gives students their first taste of official exam expectations. A full



briefing on specific times and locations will be provided to students in the days leading up to the exams.

- Access Arrangements: Students who currently use Access Arrangements as a "normal way of working" will have these accommodated. Parents of these students will receive further details next week. These exams also provide our Exams Team with essential evidence to support ongoing applications for Years 10 and 11.

Options Introductory Sessions (Week Beginning 22nd June 2026)

During this week, students will attend a 2-hour introductory session for each of their four chosen option subjects. A full timetable for these sessions will be issued shortly.

- Summer Tasks: In these sessions, students will begin preparatory work and will be set a summer task to complete before returning in September.
- Option Changes: These sessions offer a final opportunity for students to ensure they have made the right choices. If your child wishes to discuss changing an option, they must speak directly with Miss Bliss as a matter of urgency.

'Year 10 Ready' Workshop (End of June)

This workshop focuses on the essential learning habits and skills required for GCSE success. Students will reflect on both their academic and character strengths, exploring how to maximize them over the next two years.


Thank you for your continued support in helping your child prepare for this exciting next step in their education.

Yours sincerely,



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