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## **Dear Parents/Guardians**

I am writing to you as Parents of Year 10 students. As you will be aware this year group is understandably seen as a priority as they will be sitting their examinations in the summer of 2021.

As a school we are determined not to allow the students to fall behind. We use a subject tracker that is updated by the staff on a weekly basis, ranking the students Red. Amber or Green based on their levels of engagement and the quality of work they have produced. Linked to the tracker, we also use our tutor calls home to ensure that student's welfare is being supported. Obviously, if we feel there is something amiss pastorally we then intervene with our pastoral support network of Mrs Boys, Ms Biddiss or Mrs Benham to get involved. Similarly, if the academic side isn't working we want to take steps to turn things around as guickly as possible. The majority of Year 10 students are doing very well with their academic work and should be congratulated on their input, engagement and effort levels and we want to say a very well done at being so productive despite the difficulties of the Covid-19 world. However, for a small number of students there is still a worrying level of inactivity, despite two calls home. As a result, SLT and Ms Biddiss have got involved and we will be calling you by the end of the week to support you in making more progress, getting more from the lessons, solving any technology issues or welfare issues you may have. The longer this situation prevails the more important it is to stay motivated so that there isn't a huge knowledge and skills gap when the students return and most importantly when the students sit the final exams in May and June 2021. Colleges and Sixth Forms have strict entry criteria and students falling below the required grades will be limiting life choices and chances which we want to avoid if at all possible.

In summary, we will be calling home in a supportive and motivating manner for a small number of Year 10 students to get them back on track and succeeding again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hartley Headteacher