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Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

## Re: Year 10 – Start of Year Information

I hope you and your families have had a good summer break and your child is refreshed and ready to go as they start Key Stage 4 and begin their exam journey over the next two years.

I am writing to share a number of key dates and information with you. I feel it is really important that we work closely together this year in order to ensure your child is well supported over the next two years as they start and complete their GCSE and BTEC qualifications.

### Year 10 Information Evening

We will be holding a Year 10 Information Evening for both parents/carers and students on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. This evening will provide an introduction to Year 10 and GCSE/BTEC qualifications as well as information and key dates for the year ahead.

The times for the sessions will be based on the band your child is in as follows:

- 4.30pm – E Band
- 6pm – M and S Bands

I will write to you with additional information and details for this evening nearer to the time.

### Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

This year the parent/carers consultation evening will take place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** and will run from 4.00pm to 7.00pm using the SchoolCloud system. This evening will be vitally important to discuss your child's progress with their teachers in each of their subject courses. Students should also attend these virtual evenings with you.

### Key Stage 4 Bands

The bands which students are assigned to will change as they start Key Stage 4 and Year 10. Students are placed in bands for Year 10 and 11 based on their target and attainment grades in Key Stage 3. The Key Stage 4 bands are as follows: E band, M band and S band. Your child will find out their new band at the start of Year 10 when they receive their timetable next week. The core team and I will regularly review your child's progress and attainment during the course of this year and as

a result, band changes may be made throughout the year based on how your child is progressing. We will contact you to discuss this if your child needs to change their attainment band.

## Year 10 and 11 Core Team

I would like to introduce you to the core team who will be working with me to support your child during Year 10 and 11. Please find staff team and their email contact information below:

- Mr Martin May – Deputy Head of Year 10 and 11 – Student Development
  - Email: [martinmay@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:martinmay@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)
- Ms Kayley Smith – Deputy Head of Year 10 and 11 – Student Progress
  - Email: [kayleysmith@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:kayleysmith@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)
- Mrs Louise Ansell-Burford – Assistant Principal – Head of Pastoral Care
  - Email: [louiseansellburford@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:louiseansellburford@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)
- Miss Lauren Edwards – Year 10 Pastoral Manager
  - Email: [laurenedwards@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:laurenedwards@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)
- Mr Chris Rayner – Year 10 Pastoral Manager
  - Email: [chrisrayner@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:chrisrayner@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)

## Personal Tutors

Your child will be allocated a Year 10 Personal Tutor when they return to the Academy next week. Year 10 Personal Tutors are part of a specialist team who have had additional training to support your child in Year 10 and will be working closely with the core team throughout the year. Your child will have a 30-minute session on their timetable with their Personal Tutor daily and this member of staff will therefore be their and your first point of contact for any questions or support.

## Study Skill Sessions and Tutoring

During the course of this year, all Year 10 students will take part in a number of study skills workshops. These workshops are designed to boost revision skills, provide additional support and guidance to aid successful studying, whilst also developing students' ownership of learning. The details of these workshop sessions will be shared with students in Term 1.

Tutoring in English and Maths will take place during the year with specific students in order to provide targeted students with additional bespoke support. Students will be notified directly of these sessions by Ms Smith and the Tutoring Team.

## Behaviour and Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance for exceptionally high standards of both behaviour and attendance in Year 10. The majority of students meet the standards of behaviour expected as part of the Academy's Code of Conduct. However, should a student fail to meet these expectations, this will be challenged and followed up to ensure the learning of other students is not affected. Additionally, excellent levels of attendance and punctuality to school and lessons are key factors in ensuring your child is able to maximise their learning and progress during



the next two years. I would be grateful if you would reinforce this and support your child in order to ensure they make the most of all of their learning time during Year 10.

### **GCSE Mock Exam and Assessment Dates**

Mock exams and in class assessments are planned in order to start to prepare students for the GCSE exams at the end of Year 11 and ensure that you, your child and their teachers are aware of their strengths and areas for improvement.

Please find School Assessment and End of Year Mock Exam dates below:

- Term 2 Assessment week – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Term 4 Assessment week – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
- End of Year Mock exam window – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Work Experience**

All Year 10 students will take part in a Work Experience placement for a week, which will take place Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. This week is an excellent opportunity for students to gain an experience of the working world outside of the academy. A letter with full information will follow in the coming weeks.

### **Year 10 & 11 Instagram Account**

Year 10 & 11 have a dedicated Instagram account which regularly shares all information, updates and key dates throughout the year. Student and activity photos and posts are also shared to celebrate successful achievements and events across both year groups. To follow our account please search: [year11\\_year10bromptonacademy](#) on Instagram. We encourage all parent/carers and students to follow this account to keep updated throughout the course of the year.

### **Student Independent Learning and Ownership**

A key focus in assemblies and Personal Tutor sessions over the coming terms will be on building student independence and ownership of their learning as it is proven this is a key factor which leads to successful outcomes. As part of this, I would be grateful if you would share all information in this letter with your child, so they are well informed to take the lead with their own learning over the year ahead.

I hope you find the above information useful for the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the staff team or myself via email if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further. My email address is: [dangreenwood@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk](mailto:dangreenwood@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk)

I look forward to working with you and your child over the course of the next two years ahead.

Yours faithfully



Dan Greenwood  
**Assistant Principal – Head of Year 10 and 11**

