

YEAR 10 NEWSLETTER

20TH OCTOBER 2020

ADAPTING TO CHANGE

We have been back to school for half a term now and I'm sure you can all agree that it has been fantastic to see students back into school and learning. There have been a large number of changes which have had to be made, some have turned out to be very advantageous and some which are obstacles we need to overcome during a difficult period of time. I want to thank the students who have come into school and adapted seamlessly to the changes and made good progress with their studies.



PERSEVERANCE

Students are now in year 10 and considered young adults, exams seem like a long way away still, but they will quickly arrive. The more effort students put in now the easier those exams will seem once they do arrive. I would like to ask students to focus on our Haydon value of perseverance within their studies. Yes, students will face lots of challenges, giving up or allowing themselves to be distracted might seem like an easier option, but I would like students to focus on persevering and pushing through those times of difficulty.

SOCIAL MEDIA

One of the greatest creations over the last few years has been social media; it is a fantastic way to communicate with friends and share memories and experiences. However, with these platforms comes great responsibility, please be mindful of 2 things. Firstly, how long is being spent on social media? Are Students spending too much time staring at their screen? Secondly, social media can have a negative impact on people's lives, it is often very easy to say things which are hurtful which aren't necessarily meant, and often written messages can be lost in translation. This can cause escalation of often small conflicts. If you are experiencing the negative side of social media please do the following; have a social media 'holiday', block any negative influences and speak to an adult you feel comfortable speaking to about the issues you may be having.



GREAT STARTS AND SUCCESSES

Congratulations Adam Norquoy for his Jack Petchey award along with the citation 'Adam has been an asset to the school, consistently representing the school in the football team over the years as well as performing in many of the school show productions as a musician'. Well done Adam!



As a year group I would like to celebrate our attendance and behaviour success. There are 126 students who have achieved 100% attendance this half term which is fantastic. We also have 78 students who have not received a single behaviour point so far this year, these students are turning up every single day to school and doing everything that is asked of them. Well done! These students will be receiving a letter via email.

Top 5 Forms Achievement Points Leader board

1st = 10SKT - 918
2nd = 10MFP - 819
3rd = DAS & VSS - 799
5th = DAJ - 757

LATE IMPOSITIONS

One area that we could improve on as a year group is punctuality, this is often simply down to poor organisation. I would like to ask that all students have a hard copy timetable to hand every day. Form tutors have been given small cards which the timetable can be written on for student's ease. After half term, students who are late to 3 sessions between Thursday to Monday and Tuesday to Wednesday will sit a 30-minute imposition on a Tuesday or Thursday (parents will be notified via email). I'm hopeful that this will have a positive impact on both punctuality and achievement within lessons.

I wish you all a restful half term break

Mr E Wake
(Head of Year 10)