

Ref: JAS/VAR

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very pleased with the way in which the vast majority of students in Year 10 have returned to College. This year students will sit two of their GCSE qualifications, this strategy has been in operation now for the last four years. The results of the Early Entry for our present Year 11 indicate that 63% of students have 2 higher grade passes and 87% have one. This is the highest attainment since we began Early Entry. The Early Entry policy ensures that students have less exams to take for the final qualifications; invariably reducing the pressure and stress that young people might face.

To ensure that your child achieves the best possible results next year please can we ask for the following support:

- That your child attends and is punctual every day unless they are very poorly.
- They come prepared to make every minute of every lesson count for all their subjects, that they are actively learning and working for themselves and asking for feedback to make progress.
- They complete all DIY (Homework) to the best of their ability.
- Your child is attending the revision classes and also working at home on a task or revision most evenings – in order to get the higher grade pass working at College is not in itself sufficient. Firefly contains many valuable resources for revision and the Tutor programme will help students to identify how best to revise.
- That your child is getting good quality sleep.
- That your child is not wasting valuable time on social media and/or gaming at the expense of good results and student's mental health and wellbeing. It is apparent through the individual interviews that I conduct that some students are spending far too much time on their devices at the expense of good results.
- Encourage your child to read widely every day. The new qualifications have high literacy demands and reading regularly widens the vocabulary that students can access and use.

Time is of the essence for all Year 10 students. Using the time well and wisely from this point onwards will really help and affect the final results ensuring the students develop good study habits for the final year. The exam period starts on 13 May 2019 and there are 27 weeks of schooling leading up to this date.

There is a Year 10 Early Entry Student-Teacher-Parent Evening on Wednesday 10 October and I encourage all parents/carers to make appointments with the Early Entry Subject Teachers to discuss your child's progress. If you think that your child is not working hard enough use the checklist above to help and should you require further advice or help then please contact the Subject Teacher, Form Tutor, Year Leader Mrs Godfray or Miss Wood Assistant Headteacher. We are confident that working in partnership ensures that we are giving the same messages for the benefit of your child.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher