

Our Ref: CWS

September 2022

**All Year 10 Parents/Carers**



Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: Welcome to Year 10**

I hope that you and your families are well and have had a restful summer break.

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself as the **Year 10 Strategy Leader**. In this role I will be supporting pupils as they develop into young adults and begin planning for the future, ensuring parents and carers know how to best support pupils through their studies, and working with specific groups of pupils to motivate and support them throughout the year. I am also here to oversee the development of PSHE and careers education over the coming year. Having taught many of the pupils on their journey through the school, I know that our Year 10s are an incredible group of young people, who I look forward greatly to working with this year.

Year 10 is an extremely significant year for pupils as they begin their GCSE studies, take up their options, and prepare for the future. Now is the time for them to begin planning their next steps, considering what route they will take after leaving Dormston, whether that is college studying A' levels, BTECs, or even going on to apprenticeships. We will also be looking at a range of careers and training options with pupils during specific careers days throughout the year. In a tough economic climate and job market, I feel it is important to be equipped for the world of further education and work, my role will help pupils prepare for this, enabling them to stand out from the crowd.

One of the highlights of the Year 10 calendar is **Work Experience** in March. I believe this can be an invaluable experience for our pupils as they discover what the world of work is like, and understand the skills they may need in the future. However, it can also be true that, if not managed carefully, this year can be a stressful and difficult period for both parents and children. At Dormston we try to provide a range of support for both parents and pupils so that any possible stresses can be reduced and all pupils are able to achieve their best and go on to be successful in whatever field they choose.

A key part of being a successful Year 10 pupil is **attendance**, and it is important that pupils are in school during their GCSE lessons. While we appreciate that there may be times when your child is too unwell to come into school, it is important to note that absence could result in: missing key information from the syllabus, missing important deadlines, missing important information about post 16 as well as missing integral revision opportunities. Furthermore, attendance and punctuality are an essential part of the references we send off to colleges and trainee providers.

In order to provide the best support for Year 10 pupils, it is vital that we work together with you as parents and carers. There will be a number of events throughout the school year that will support you and your children, as well as keeping you informed of your child's progress. I would like to invite



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parents and carers to my first Year 10 Strategy evening to introduce GCSEs, discuss plans for Year 10, and also offer strategies on how you can help your child achieve, and be the best they can possibly be in school. This evening takes place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm** in our Theatre. Please could you confirm your attendance using the attached reply slip. I hope to see as many of you as possible there.

**Key Dates:**

- **27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.00pm - Parents' Evening Introduction to Year 10 and GCSEs;**
- **16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Year 10 Grades & Effort Data;**
- **1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – Parents Consultation Evening;**
- **13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Work Experience;**
- **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 – Year 10 Grades & Effort Data;**
- **12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Exam Fortnight;**
- **6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Year 10 Grades, Effort Data, & Tutor Report.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact myself by email [cwilliams@dormston.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:cwilliams@dormston.dudley.sch.uk). I am looking forward to working with you to ensure we have a successful year that leads to a positive future for your children.

Yours sincerely

*C Williams*

**Mrs C. Williams  
Year 10 Strategy Leader**

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**Reply Slip - Parents' Evening Introduction to Year 10 & GCSEs – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.00pm**

Pupil Name: ..... Form: .....

- I/we WILL be attending.
- I/we WILL NOT be attending.

Signed:..... Date:.....

**Please return this reply slip to Pupil Reception by no later than Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**