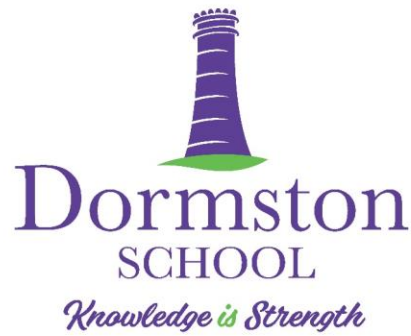


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ALL YEAR 10 PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers

I would firstly like to congratulate Year 10 on a highly successful year and wish you all a wonderful summer break. As we head into the final chapter in your child's school journey, now is the time to reflect and prepare for the upcoming pathways that follow.

Year 10 conducted themselves in an exemplary manner during their first mock exams, with an invigilator stating they were 'the best they have ever seen'. Compare this to their behaviour back in Year 7 and 8 and we can truly see just how far they have come and celebrate their efforts. For this I am truly grateful. When thinking about mocks, some students were disappointed with their results. This is to be expected as mock results will be used for college, job and apprenticeship applications and determine next steps. There are a few things to consider if your child did not gain what they anticipated:

- Attendance - a pupil needs on average, 95% to gain their target grades. If your child's attendance is below this, they must now be in as much as possible.
- Revision - did your child complete the required amount of revision? Are you checking their Go4Schools homework? Are you sure they are on task?
- Readiness for exams - is your child getting enough sleep? Are they turning their phone off at an appropriate hour? Are they eating breakfast?

We have such a short time left now, as I have explained to them, 8.33%. That is all they have left of their school journey. They have completed 11/12 years including Reception. It actually is less than this as they will leave before the end of Year 11. I will give them a weekly run down to highlight just how short their time is left with us and how much this year truly means. On this point, staff will be issuing homework to Year 10 over the summer holiday. This is essential to consolidate learning and maintain information over the break. Please support us going into this upcoming year.

You will have many events that will help you and your child prepare for the future. Firstly, on September 8th we have our 'Welcome to Year 11' evening with Mrs Mescam, the Strategy Leader for GCSE's who will work very closely with myself from an academic perspective to ensure your child reaches their full potential. Mrs Mescam is an Assistant Headteacher and may ask you to attend attainment meetings that will support your child moving forward. It is essential you attend these. Following on from this, we have our Post 16 evening on 17th September, many college open days, mocks in December and March and many other events to support you. It is vital we work together on this.

At this point, we say goodbye to Mr Richardson who has been our Deputy Year Leader and has worked so hard with so many of our pupils. We thank him for his hard work and wish him luck with his new year group. I also would like to thank Executive Leadership Team and mentors who have been pivotal in our events this year and so influential to our younger pupils.

On a personal level, can I please thank you and your children for being so amazing this year. Your children are an absolute delight and I am so grateful to be their Year Leader. I wish you all a wonderful holiday,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Downie

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