

# **Year 10 Parents/Carers Information Evening**

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**Mark Allday - Acting Deputy Headteacher**  
**Dan Smith - Performance Director: Year 10**



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# My outlook

You can tell me that you are happy

You have achieved what you need to achieve in order  
to get to your next best step



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## **My outlook**

**Working together, we leave nothing to  
chance**



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# GCSE and Level 2 Studies

- New 9 – 1 grading scale
- Linear exams (i.e. no modules)
- Terminal assessment (all exams at end of Y11)
- Single tier exams (foundation level removed in some subjects)
- Reduction in controlled assessment/coursework
- **More content**
- **Increased challenge**

**New GCSE grades explained**

9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5 (strong pass)	C
4 (standard pass)	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U



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# Core Subject Summary

## English

- All students study English and English Literature
- No coursework - separate speaking/listening grade
- 'Closed book' - quotations and texts need to be learned!

## Maths

- Higher tier (grade 4-9) or Foundation tier (grade 1-5)
- Accelerated group does Level 3 Algebra Award in year 10
- Significantly more challenging content

## Science

- Combined Science - all 3 subjects, worth 2 GCSEs
- Triple Science - 3 GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry and Biology
- No coursework, replaced by 'required practicals'



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# Modern Foreign Languages

No controlled assessment. GCSE divided into 3 areas called “themes”, each with 4 topics:

Skill	Weighting	How assessed
Listening	25%	Exam at end of Year 11 - Higher or Foundation
Speaking	25%	Exam at end of Year 11 - Higher or Foundation (externally assessed)
Reading	25%	Exam at end of Year 11 - Higher or Foundation
Writing	25%	Exam at end of Year 11 - Higher or Foundation

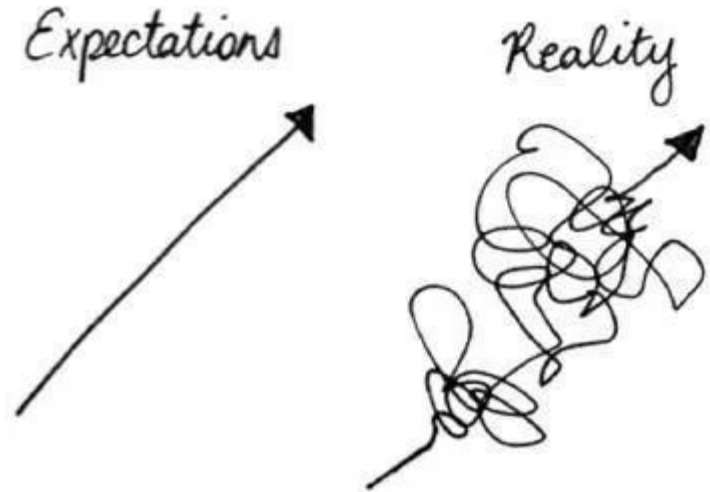


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# The power of working in partnership

- Home learning and deadlines
- The basics - device, equipment and uniform
- Attendance
- Open dialogue and honesty
- Celebration of success
- Revision and study habits



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# The journey towards success: Sept 23 to June 24

1. Settling into GCSE studies
2. Regular low-stakes assessments (throughout)
3. Study skills development
4. Year 10 trial exams
5. Work experience
6. Year 11 begins
7. Year 11 trial exams #1
8. Intervention (session 6) commences
9. Next steps planning and one-to-one guidance
10. Year 11 trial exams #2
11. Study skills interventions
12. Final preparations and in-class revision and rehearsal
13. Sit public examinations



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# Dan Smith - Performance Director: Year 10

- Experienced member of staff - Previous Pastoral/SLT experience
- PE Teacher - Teamwork
- Head of Year 11 2022/23 - Excellent Results
- Positive - Determined to recognise the achievements of those students who do the right things, almost all of the time.
- Consistent - Measured in my approach, pride myself on doing what I have promised to do.
- Approachable - Create an environment where students are comfortable to ask for support when needed.
- Honesty - With good or bad news



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# Year 10 Pastoral Team 2023-24



**YEAR 10  
PERFORMANCE  
DIRECTOR**

**Mr Smith**

**YEAR 10  
LEADERSHIP  
GROUP LINK**

**Mr Allday**



**YEAR 10  
LEADERSHIP  
GROUP LINK**

**Mr Miller**



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**10A**



**Ms Weston**

**10E**



**Ms O'Neil**

**10F**

**Ms Coughlan**

**10J**



**Mr Longshaw**

**10N**



**Mrs Bulbeck**

**10S**



**Mr Hartnell**

**10H**



**Mrs Cracknell**

**10T**



**Ms Pratley**

**Additional Staff:** Mrs White/ Mrs Barrow/ Mrs Devlin/ Mrs Malone/  
Mrs Kahn/ Mrs Hussain/ Mr Keenleyside



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# Key Dates in Year 10

03/10/23

22/11/23 - 23/11/23

13/03/24

20/03/24

16/04/24 - 26/04/24

11/05/24 - 12/05/24

07/06/24 - 08/06/24

17/06/24 - 21/06/24

18/07/24

19/07/24

YR 10 Parent Information Evening

Pastoral Review Days

YR 10 Parent Information Evening  
(Dr Van Der Spoel)

Parent Teacher Consultations

YR 10 Exams

Bronze DofE Practice Expedition

Bronze DofE Expedition

Work Experience

YR 10 Prize giving Assembly

Last Day of YR 10



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# Year 10 Ethos - Mr Smith

What are we trying to achieve?

- Every student achieves to the best of their ability
- Well-rounded individuals
- Independent learners

Exam achievement is important to access the next steps, but being a confident, well-rounded, good human being will help you for success for the rest of your life.



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# Priorities for this Term

## This term (now)...

- Settling in
- Building relationships with teachers
- Consistency
- Aspirations and next steps

## Next term...

- Skills for managing stress
- Exam preparation technique/support
- Recognising your areas of strength and weakness
- Work experience preparation
- Post 16 discussions



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# Student Messaging

**Positivity** - You can do this. Everybody here can improve their outcomes.

**Take the opportunity you have been given** - Excellent school, with excellent results, make the most of it.

**Fear and worry is a fact of life** - You will feel stressed as GCSEs are important and you care, but we embrace the challenge and make use of the support available.

**Be here - Work hard - Ask for help**



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# Careers Support at Sandringham

Key Stage 4 is an important stage of education in terms of careers advice and guidance.

At Key Stage 4, there are two Extended Learning Days with a careers and enterprise focus.

**All Year 10 students will complete a week's Work Experience placement in June.**

There will be support in place for all students as they consider and apply for 'next steps' in Year 11.

**Miss Eady** is our Careers Advisor and Coordinator. She will be heavily involved with the Work Experience process.

It is worth thinking about a possible placement now. The process will commence in January 2024.

**Nicky Honeywell** is our Herts Services for Young People Advisor who holds drop-in sessions on Thursdays and will be able to offer support to students.



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# Subject Information Booklet

In the coming weeks, you will receive a booklet via email, which will include a summary of the key assessment information for each subject.



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# Messaging is Massive

“You are happy/ You make the next step”

“You can make it happen”

“Your human responsibility - awareness of the thoughts and feelings of others”

“Your race is not yet run - It's not where you start or what happens along the way, it's where you finish that counts!”

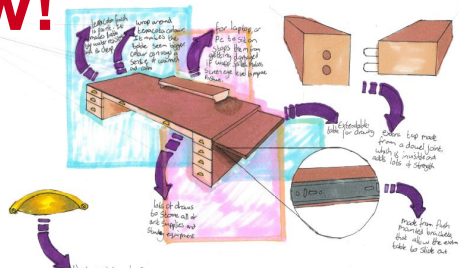
“Success doesn't happen by magic - Active ingredients to success”

“Nothing is impossible - Scary...yes, stressful...yes, hard work...yes, tiring...yes, challenging..yes, but not impossible.”



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# Thank you for joining us tonight



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