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Dear Year 10 Parent/Carers

Here we are at the end of an academic year like no other. I have been incredibly impressed with the resilience and ambition of Year 10 students during this challenging period. Many of them have demonstrated excellent organisational skills and self-motivation, completing all or most of the work set during the period when schools were closed. Some students struggled and needed some extra support to get back on track but the overwhelming majority of students have made a real effort to catch up in recent weeks and almost everyone has an achievable plan to complete and consolidate your Year 10 work before moving into Year 11.

The form tutors and I have also enjoyed hearing about the interesting and useful things that have kept your children busy during lockdown. They have been exercising, cooking, completing courses, volunteering and being creative.

Unfortunately a small proportion of students have not engaged with our efforts to support them while school has been closed. GCSE exams will go ahead next summer and the results will affect the choices these students have in the Sixth Form and beyond. These students really need to start working hard to catch up with the majority of Year 10 students who are now on track and paving the way for a successful Year 11 and beyond. I would be very grateful if you would support our efforts by encouraging your child to take the steps below:

Here are some of the things all Year 10 students need to do before September to give themselves every chance of being successful:

1. Complete all the Year 10 work set on SMHW from May onwards for all subjects. There will not be time in Year 11 to repeat this work.
2. Complete the Summer Consolidation Work. Students will have been given, or will receive in the post, two booklets (core and options) to complete. They will need to hand this work in when they return in September. Please note in particular that your child should come to their first English lesson in Year 11 with their Speaking and Listening speech.

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This speech must be performed to their class and will receive a grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction; it is very important that they practise in preparation for this. The Core Consolidation pack includes support for writing this speech in the English section.

3. If your child has been working hard since March, please make sure they take a break to avoid burn out before the GCSEs. Many students took time off in April and May. If your child has already taken two months off, they can't afford to take a long summer holiday. They will need to continue catching up with the work they have missed.
4. I have encouraged students to enjoy time with family and friends and some of the new freedoms we have – but I have also reminded them that they must do this responsibly. Students will need to return to school with their batteries recharged, ready for a challenging but rewarding year ahead.

I look forward to welcoming students back in September. The School will be in touch with further details of arrangements for a safe return closer to the time.

Very best wishes to you and your families for a productive and enjoyable summer.

Mrs Bonney Venning

Learning Coordinator – Year 10