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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 Updates

As we approach the end of half term, we wanted to make contact and acknowledge the hard work and commitment that all students in Year 10 have continued to show within their lessons as they move towards their final secondary school year. As you will be aware, Year 11 & 13 students finish their formal curriculum on Friday this week, meaning your child now becomes part of the senior year group in school, outside of the 6th form.

Despite the challenging year, staff and students have been working hard to follow normal schemes of work and to ensure that all course content is covered; even during periods of Distance Learning this provision has continued and we know that students responded extremely strongly during this time. A number of parents have made contact to ask if any type of adjustment may be made with regards to formal examinations next year. At this stage there are a range of discussions taking place at national level, although no specific guidance has been given to schools as yet; we will obviously keep you updated as we move forward.

In the months ahead we will continue to support your child and ensure that they are prepared to make the very best choices for their future education and be ready for their next steps into Post 16 provision. They have a busy year ahead; we are confident that together we can maximise their progress in school and ensure they achieve the very best outcomes.

To support their progress moving forward there are a few updates we wanted to make you aware of:

1. Year 10 Assessments. Typically, we would hold a number of assessment windows throughout the year where students compete formal assessment in class, the next window is from Monday, 14th June to Friday, 25th June. To give students the experience of the examination situation, these assessments will be held in the main sports hall rather than in lessons, therefore giving students the opportunity to experience this way of working. Students will be given a timetable and will work their way through the programmed assessments which will provide appropriate feedback in school to support planning moving forward. We will have talked to students about the arrangements for this in their assembly yesterday.
2. Year 10 Written Report. All parents will receive a full written report before the end of term, the scheduled published date for the report is Thursday 15th July; this report will summarise the progress your child has made across the academic year.
3. Parents Evening. Due to the date of publication of the school report, the next Parents Evening for your child will be at the start of next academic year, this will happen before the end of September. This will allow us to kickstart the new academic year with an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and agree any targets to them moving forward. This evening will follow on from, and draw on, elements of the published report.

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4. Year 11 Mock Examination. We are currently looking to adjust the normal assessment schedule next academic year to give your child an opportunity to complete a formal mock examination slightly earlier than normal in the Autumn Term. Current thinking is that we may hold two mock windows across the year to ensure that all students are fully prepared for any actions taken by the examination board; we will publish all key dates at the earliest opportunity.
5. Website Resources. A reminder that there are a range of resource materials available for your child to access through the Student Information Section of the school website <http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/learning-zone-online-safety>. We are constantly uploading content and ensuring information that all students require in relation to their academic and personal development are readily available; we would encourage you to explore this with your child when working at home.

We would like to wish your child continued success throughout the remainder of the Summer term and look forward to continuing supporting them next academic year as they work towards their final qualifications; thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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