

September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**RE: Expectations & Key Dates for Year 10**

A big welcome back to all our students, in a year that sees them start their GCSE exams. After a very successful Year 9, I am writing to give you notice of some key Autumn term dates and re-iterate expectations for the new school year.

During the past year pupils have excelled on many levels, many of which were prominent in the end of year Celebration Assembly. Seeing the students performing on Sports Day showed me just what outstanding athletes we have and amazing teamwork that was very evident, especially in the tug of war! Seeing so many members of the year group not only shine on the athletic track but also in the school show of Sister Act made me realise just how talented the year group are. Hopefully, you managed to see all these highlights in Newsletters throughout the year.

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the following:

- **Attendance**

The year group finished the year with over 96% attendance with a very large proportion achieving 100%, some for the third year running. I would like to improve this percentage further in such a crucial year of their education. This is the last year students will have a reward trip and I want to see every student invited this year. Punctuality is as important as turning up to school as every lesson counts towards outcomes at the end of Year 11.

- **Personal Qualities (PQs)**

Students must come to school with the correct attitude to achieve their best, every child deserves to succeed and with the right attitude can. Their PQ scores on every progress review are based on Preparation for learning, Behaviour, Homework and Effort. Students that continue to remain in the bottom 15 of the year group will jeopardise their involvement in taking part in reward activities.

- **Homework**

Upon entering Year 10 students will notice a difference in the way homework is given to them. They will no longer receive homework booklets but instead will receive homework from the class teacher. This may be a piece every week or it may be a piece of coursework to be completed over a few weeks. Regardless, students must ensure they are giving these pieces in on time to avoid falling behind. If students are unsure about deadlines or the task it is their responsibility to see the class teacher. Simply avoiding doing it is not acceptable.

- **Uniform**

The uniform policy at St Edmund's is very clear. On the whole the students looked very smart throughout the year. Shoes need to be a formal shoe (as per the website) rather than a leisure shoe. Skirts must be of a decent length and not be more than an inch above the knee. Trousers must also be a straight cut and not a boot cut, tapered or "skinny".

Uniform allows for one pair of studs to be worn in the ear lobes but no make-up or nail varnish. Exaggerated and coloured hairstyles are not permitted; this includes hairstyles which are deemed by the Headteacher to be excessively long or short, they must not be shorter than a grade 2. Only “natural hair” colour is permitted. Please check the website for further information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the pupils use of the school site after hours. At St Edmunds we have a huge range of extra-curricular clubs on offer which I would like to see more students attending this year. Pupils are welcome to stay on site after school on the playground when not being used by clubs but they must remember the same behavioural standard of the school day are expected of them during this time. Although outside of the school hours, our high standards and expectations still stand, and will be sanctioned in the same way.

**Key Dates for your diary:**

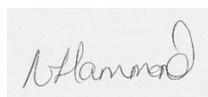
25/09/2019 – Year 10 Information Evening  
30/09/2019 – School Photographs  
07/11/2019 – Year 10 Parents’ Evening  
15/11/2019 – PSHE day and St Edmund’s Day  
22/11/2019 – Staff Inset Day  
30/04/2020 – Year 10 Parents’ Evening  
13/05/2020 - English Literature GCSE Paper 1  
21/05/2020 – English Literature GCSE paper 2  
01/06/2020 – Biology GCSE  
03/06/2020 – Astronomy GCSE Paper 1  
08/06/2020 – Astronomy GCSE Paper 2

**Tutor List**

Damien – Mrs Gwilliam  
Devereux – Mrs Esmaili  
John Paul – Mr Bonken  
Kolbe – Miss Bruce  
Newman – Mr Lane  
Romero – Mr Poxton  
Stein – Mrs Houghton  
Teresa – Mr Potts

Thank you for your on-going support. If you have any concerns or queries the tutor is the first port of contact for parents. If however you require further assistance please contact myself or Mrs Howorth.

Yours sincerely



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