

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to write to you today, after meeting with all Year 10 students this afternoon and sharing with them key messages on their journey through secondary school so far, and their upcoming transition to Year 11.

Year 10 students are well on their way to becoming the new Year 11 students and so over the Summer term will take part in a range of experiences to ensure that all students leave Kearsley Academy with the very best qualifications and life chances.

The new consequences system has been launched with Year 10 first for exactly this reason; the consequences system ensures that the climate within lessons and behaviour for learning is fully correct, so that students get the very most out of each and every one of their lessons. We have been extremely impressed with how the vast majority of students in Year 10 have responded to the new system and it has been a pleasure this week to go into lessons this week and see the pride and high expectations that Year 10 are approaching their lessons with.

Last week, the Academy hosted its first STEPs vertical parents evening for Years 7-10, and I was delighted to have the support of Year 10 ambassadors to welcome parents and carers, provide tours across the Academy and answer any questions from a student's perspective. We would like to thank **Lewis Colbeck, Finley Chisnell, Matthew Lindsay, Dylan Poulson, Molly Hassall, Ellie Robinson, Angel Peers and Nikki Ratcliffe**, who all did an excellent job on the evening.

To ensure that every student achieves the very best qualifications at the end of Year 11 and reaches their maximum personal potential we have talked to Year 10 this afternoon about a range of intervention strategies that will soon come into effect.

**Option Maths** and **Option English** classes will be available to any student who is not currently on track to achieve Grade 4 or above in their GCSE English and Maths classes, as it is these qualifications that will give students access to Further Education and success later on in the world of work.

As an Academy, we are well supported by Northern Education Trust, who have given all Academies the ability to provide **121 or small group tuition** to provide quick support in closing any gaps in knowledge that students have in English and Maths.

After the Easter holidays, we will be writing to parents and carers of Year 10 to invite you to an **Academic Progress Evening**, to discuss in detail students current progress to their end of GCSE qualifications. This will give the opportunity to discuss methods of revision, intervention strategies and ways of supporting students at home to make the most progress possible.

As you may have read in previous letters, the Academy has the benefit of a full subscription to **Hegarty Maths**, which is an online revision and testing tool that all students can access within the Academy and from home to complete regular independent revision. We expect that every student in Y11 will complete two hours per week on Hegarty Maths, as we know that regular revision each week will make a huge impact on students GCSE examinations results in summer.

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Recently the Academy has launch a student voice programme, and we were proud that a number of Y10 students applied to be Chair of a committee.

Congratulations to **Lewis Colbeck** (Chair for Sport), **Lucie Smethurst** (Chair for Performing Arts) and **Jameal Baybutt** (Vice Chair for Teaching and Learning) for excellent applications and interviews, and we look forward to the range of contributions to Academy leadership that these students offer.

With the responsibility of entering Year 11, it is important to keep praise culture and rewards high on the agenda.

We will be happy to offer students access to a range of treats to fuel them as they stay behind at the end of the academy day to complete **After School Periods**, and will offer **Leavers Hoodies** and an end of year **Prom** to all students who behave in line with Academy expectations, as we know that hard work always deserves recognition and reward.

In summary, I am very proud of our current Year 10 students, and I know that they will go on to achieve the very best possible outcomes and success.

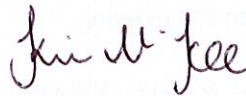
I look forward to seeing the many accomplishments of such a talented and gifted year group.

Should you wish to discuss any of these items further then please do not hesitate to contact the academy on 01204 332555 or via email to [enquiries@kearsleyacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@kearsleyacademy.org) where your questions will be directed to the most appropriate person.

Yours Sincerely,



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Vice Principal



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