

Dear parent/carer,

### **Year 10 – Back on Track Spring/Summer Terms 2021**

As we approach the return to school, I thought I would take this opportunity to write to you personally to inform you about how the rest of this term is going to look for Year 10. I imagine there may be some feeling of uncertainty due to the period of remote learning and any potential impact that this has on courses of study and student well-being. I'd like to briefly outline some of the plans we are putting in place and considerations that are being discussed to support your child as much as possible with their step-up to Year 11 and GCSE examinations.

- Tutors conducted well-being questionnaires with students whilst they were in lockdown to help give a snapshot of how the year group were coping and managing with home learning. As a year team, we will continue this weekly so that we can review the well-being of the year group and implement any interventions that we deem necessary.
- To support with students with getting back on track, Year 10 will be completing "pre-mock" classroom-based assessments in all subjects to help inform teachers what their students' needs are. This information will then be used to support the teaching of the students and the homework that is set as we lead up to their mocks which are planned to happen after the Easter holidays looking forward to Year 11.
- We will continue to run the weekly competitions where students can join Team Awesome and enter into a draw to win a £10 Love2Shop voucher. Nominations for Team Awesome come from their teachers for exceptional effort and for the top 10 student usage of GCSEPod.
- Students will continue their careers education from the online platform Unloc, and once this is completed, we will resume the sex and relationships curriculum during the PSHE lessons that were postponed due to remote learning. I am currently exploring different possibilities to ensure that the time scheduled for Year 10 work experience is still meaningful and purposeful and will give them skills and knowledge that they can take beyond the gates of TPA. More to come in due course!

I want to congratulate your child and our year group on how well they did over the remote learning period, and the engagement that was shown by the large majority of them; I am extremely proud of what they achieved.

You should have received information about your child's testing appointment on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't, please contact the school office. When Year 10 return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, they must go to their tutor room for a welcome back lesson with their tutor period 1.

As always, if there is anything that you wish to discuss about your child and their time at TPA, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance and if they are unable to assist, they will ensure that myself and Mr Denman are aware so that we can support.

We look forward to welcoming your child back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,



Miss S J Hart  
Head of Year 10