

Year 10

Information Evening

9th October 2017

The new GCSE

- ▶ Graded 9-1
- ▶ Increasingly more difficult and demanding.
- ▶ What does this mean in practice?
 - For students
 - For teachers
 - For parents

The Student Perspective

- ▶ It will be harder to reach the top grades – only approximately 2% will achieve a grade 9.
- ▶ A 'pass' will be somewhere between a grade 4 and 5.
- ▶ Examinations are now typically longer.
- ▶ There has been a movement away from coursework.

The Student Perspective

- ▶ Students will be required to produce work that is more extensive, requiring a greater depth and commitment.
- ▶ Homework will reflect this. It will...
 - be longer
 - be more difficult
 - require a greater sense of independence.
 - demand a greater level of resilience.

The Teacher Perspective

- ▶ A focus on the benefits of short term 'failure'.
- ▶ Asking for help and support is encouraged.
- ▶ Learning should not be confined to the classroom.
- ▶ Rather, it should be on-going and driven by the student.

The Parent Perspective

- ▶ There should always be something for your child to do.
- ▶ Whilst a work/life balance is important, it is crucial that the following are moderated:
 - Mobile phones
 - Computer games
 - Going 'out'
 - Diet
 - Getting sufficient sleep

The Parent Perspective

- ▶ Attendance – did you know that
 - ❑ 90% attendance equals ½ a day missed per week.
 - ❑ 90% attendance equals 4 weeks of lessons missed per year.
 - ❑ Research shows that 17 missed days a year is equal to a GCSE grade drop in achievement. (DCSF)
 - ❑ Lateness – 10 minutes wasted each lesson is the same as missing half a term of learning over the year.

Have a long term vision

- ▶ GCSEs now have more in common with the rigour of 16–19 qualifications.
- ▶ Sixth forms and colleges are very strict when it comes to course entry requirements.
- ▶ Similarly, apprenticeships and universities.
- ▶ It has probably never been more important to perform to the best of your ability at GCSE.

Year 10 – Key Dates

5 th February 2018	Work Experience Evening	Parents and students Invited to attend a meeting regarding the forthcoming work experience in year 11.
5 th March 2018	Mock Interviews	Year 10 students to attend mock interviews with external interviewers.
9 th May 2018	Year 10 Parents Evening	Parents and students are invited to talk with subject teachers about progress.
2 nd July 2018	Mock Exams	Year 10 will sit exams for each of their GCSE subject.