

# **Year 10 Information Evening 2016**



# **WELCOME**

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- A very warm welcome. We hope you find tonight useful and informative. Please see the programme for my email address.
- This evening is to set the scene for your son or daughter's GCSE studies, to show you how you might support and to explain some of the pressures.
- I will be available until the end of the evening – in the dining room if you have any questions.

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# Key Changes



- No coursework or controlled assessment in the vast majority of subjects.
- The only exception will be Product and Art where there is still a heavy emphasis on keeping on top of an extended practical project. Students must use their lesson time effectively here.
- This means there is much more emphasis on the end of Year 11 exams – they cannot be taken earlier.
- Grading 1-9 for all subjects apart from Business, Law and DT.

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# What can students be doing at home?

- Regularly revisiting notes – there is a much greater emphasis on memory and the ability to recall now. If this becomes self-generated it will help so that everything is not left until Year 11.
- Students will be supported by staff revision sessions after Easter prior to our internal exams in the summer term – June. However, students should also be following their own plan.
- Revision for Year 11 Mocks begins after October half term. With the main school revision timetable commencing in the January of Year 11.

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**What have been the main changes in the core subjects?**

Mr Warr, Head of Maths

Mrs Shaw, Head of English

Mr Massey, Head of Science

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# Keeping the balance

- Pacing academic studies will help them to stay involved in the important wider aspects of school life.
- **House competitions** – both academic, the Arts and Sport, positions of responsibility by Easter – Head boy/girl, House teams – there is much to be gained here.
- **Work Experience** - June.
- We encourage and value their presence and contributions as role models.

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# Being 14-16



## **Student Support Team:**

**Assistant Principal:** Cal Knight

**Senior Student Support Officer:** Tony Walters

**Learning mentor/pupil premium champion:** Liz Tinsley

**Pupil premium mentor:** Catherine Evans

**School Nurse support:** Faye Middle, in addition to the statutory school nurse duties.

**School Counsellors:** Elaine McGrath, Rosie Levick, both qualified in child and adolescent counselling.

**External agency support if needed.**

**Plus the House system** – Form tutor, Head of House and wider staff body.

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## Working in partnership

- This is the real key to success for every student, that home and school are clearly and effectively communicating with each other to support each child.
- Email contact, parents evenings, Personalised Planning Day.
- Please keep us informed of anything you think relevant and we will do everything we can to ensure your son or daughter enjoys their time with us and succeeds.

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# Workshops

- Please attend your allotted slot and time or rooms will not be able to meet capacity. These can be checked on the large sheets near the entrance to the hall.
- It is important for the revision skills session that you attend with your son or daughter.
- **Revision skills** – with Wendy Blower in Room 9, with Cal Knight in Room 7.
- **Teen anxiety** – in our Conference Room, near reception
- **E-safety** – with Tony Walters and police CSOs in Room 1 and 2
- **Information stand and refreshments in the dining room throughout the evening.**

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