

4th April 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Year 10 – End of Spring Term letter

It is hard to believe that we are now more than halfway through the year – the students have settled in well and, talking to many of them, they have noticed the increase in workload this year; students should be doing about two hours of work an evening on average. However, it is important that they do not give up their extra-curricular activities and spending time with family and friends, as this balance will help them over the next four terms.

I really enjoyed the Year 10 presentation assembly when girls were recognised for their hard work this term. Not only were many certificates handed out but we enjoyed performances and talks from a number of students. Alexine's performance of 'Lost' was outstanding; Jazzy, Kirstin and Grace told us about all the different activities they enjoyed on the Granada trip; Gloria read "To Live and To Love" beautifully. Suzi gave a fantastic performance of 'Pirates of the Caribbean' on the piano; Izzy and Elana sang 'Little Do You Know', which was brilliant. The assembly was concluded with an energetic dance performance by Kirsten and Abigail.

We have just finished the two study skills sessions for Year 10. Mrs Weaver gave the students some excellent study tips and looked at a variety of different techniques for them to try out while preparing for the GCSE and Year 10 assessments which start on Tuesday 30th April. Together with the revision guide that they have all received, they should all now have started their preparations.

The latest reviews are now available on Frog; it is pleasing to see that the vast majority of students are already working towards or on track for their GCSE targets.

The girls have been highly successful in their sporting events this term with the U15 football team going through to the finals, both the U15 rugby and U16 basketball teams unbeaten to become Berkshire County Champions as well as the netball and the hockey teams doing very well in their recent matches.

Girls attended the World Wise quiz recently, which was held at Sandhurst School and comprised of 10 schools in Berkshire and 18 teams. The quiz involved questions about Italy, OS map skills and symbols. The Holt had 3 teams which included students from years 8, 9 and 10. The teams were placed 3rd 4th and 7th.

We look forward to lots of exciting events in the summer term including; the spring music concert on the 6th May, the GCSE Art trip to Kew gardens and the district sports event.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Easter – we look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday 23rd April at 8.40am.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Head of Year 10