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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 Key Dates

We have had an excellent start back to school after the summer holiday and Year 10 have returned refreshed, well presented and ready for the challenge ahead.

We look forward to working with the students this year, and developing them both academically and personally.

The start of Year 10 is an exciting time as our students really start the two year exam period. The students are very aware of the importance of this year for setting good habits in preparation for their exams, this year and next.

Uniform, punctuality and excellent organisation set the tone for success. The Year 10 team will be placing a great importance on this foundation for learning and will work in partnership with home to achieve it. When we go into lessons we expect to see engagement, effort, enthusiasm and courtesy. This is the culture which we believe develops successful learners. We know that these are priorities you share, and we look forward to achieving them together.

I would like to introduce the team that will be working with Year 10. Alongside myself, there is also Mr Graham Dyke, Assistant Progress Leader and Mrs Mandy Rowe, Wellbeing Leader. Most important of all is your child's Tutor. This is the person who you should call in the first instance if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Please see below some important upcoming dates for the Autumn Term and relevant parents' events for the year.

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Event Details</b>              |
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| 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016                      | European Day of Languages         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016                      | Year 10 Parent Learning Event     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016                      | Non Uniform Day                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016       | Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trips |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2016                        | North Shropshire Cross Country    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016                        | PD Day – school closed            |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b> | <b>Half Term</b>                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016      | Literacy Splash Week              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016                       | North Shropshire Swimming Gala    |

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| 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016                   | Winter Sports week        |
| 14 -18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016                                 | Anti-Bullying week        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016                                     | Non Uniform Day           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016                                     | War Horse Trip            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016                                     | Warwick University Trip   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2016                                      | Autumn Rewards Trip       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016                                     | Carol Concert             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016                                     | Christmas Jumper Day      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b> | <b>Christmas Holidays</b> |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017  | Year 10 Parents' Evening  |

Yours sincerely

*J Phillips*

Miss Jo Phillips  
Progress Leader Year 10