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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 10 Evening – Wednesday 4th November 2026

We would like to warmly invite you to our 'Welcome to Year 10' Evening on Wednesday 4th November 2026. Doors will open at 4:40pm, with the main presentation beginning promptly at 5:00pm. This evening marks the first of three Key Stage 4 Academic Evenings that you will be invited to attend over the next twelve months. Each of these evenings will focus on a different aspect of your child's GCSE journey, involving different staff, external guests, and a variety of themes designed to support both students and parents throughout Years 10 and 11. The aim of this first evening is to outline the structure and expectations of Key Stage 4 and to highlight how GCSEs are structured as two-year courses. We will share how the school, together with parents and carers, can work in partnership to ensure every student achieves their full potential by the end of Year 11.

We recognise that Years 10 and 11 can be a challenging time for students and families, and we want to reassure you that a wide range of support is available. Many option subjects include coursework or non-exam assessments that begin in Year 10, and completing these successfully helps to reduce the pressure on students in Year 11. During the main presentation, I will explain the 9–1 GCSE grading system and provide an overview of what to expect throughout Year 10, including key milestones and support opportunities. Following this, you will have the opportunity to attend a series of subject-specific presentations led by your child's teachers. These sessions will cover:

- Key course content and assessment structures over the next 18 months.
- Important deadlines and expectations for coursework and exams.
- Examples of high-quality student work.
- Practical advice on how you can best support your child's learning and revision at home.

Teachers from English, Maths, Science, History, and Geography will also be available to answer any questions, along with staff who can provide information about revision strategies, study skills, and wellbeing support during KS4. To help us manage numbers and ensure everyone can attend the sessions most relevant to them, please book your presentations using the QR Code in this letter. If you have any questions or would like further information before the event, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child through this important stage of their education.

Yours sincerely

K. Ogden

Ms K. Ogden
Assistant Principal

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