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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a refreshing and fulfilling summer. I am excited to welcome you and your child to what promises to be an engaging and successful Year 10!

Thank you for your support last year. Both your child's Form Tutor and I are eager to continue collaborating with you to guide and support your child through this important stage of Key Stage 4. We have several key dates approaching, so I encourage you to check the school calendar on our website. Here is the link for your convenience:

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/schoolcalendar>

Please note that our Year 10 Parents Evening is scheduled for **Thursday 3rd December 2026 from 4.15pm to 6.45pm which will be in school face to face.**

We are pleased to share important updates about your child's transition to Key Stage 4 (KS4). To ensure all students feel ready and supported, we have implemented several initiatives:

- **Assemblies:** Last year, we held assemblies focused on key skills and mindsets for success in KS4, providing insights on how to prepare for upcoming challenges.
- **Tutor Time Activities:** During tutor time, students will engage in activities like Life Lessons / In the news activities research projects.
- **Form Representatives:** We will gather feedback from students on what they need to feel prepared for KS4, guiding our ongoing support.

How Parents Can Help:

1. **Encourage Open Communication:** Talk to your child about her feelings regarding the transition and encourage her to share any concerns.
2. **Promote Good Study Habits:** Help her establish a regular study routine in a quiet space and set specific goals.
3. **Engage with Resources:** Familiarise yourself with school resources and exam board materials for each subject.





4. **Support Extracurricular Activities:** Encourage participation in activities that align with her interests. More information can be found here:

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/extracurricular>

5. **Monitor Progress:** Keep track of her academic progress and stay informed about subjects and assessments.

With these initiatives and your support, your child will be well-prepared for the opportunities and challenges of KS4. We encourage you to discuss these activities with her.

We want to ensure your child feels comfortable speaking to a trusted adult if she feels overwhelmed, stressed, or needs to discuss a situation. Please remind your child that we have a Wellbeing Hub, a safeguarding team with visible posters around the school, and tutors she sees every day, including myself. Please encourage your child to reach out to any staff members for support and guidance during her transition to KS4.

This year, we are organising some exciting reward trips for the year group, which will require considerable planning and effort. As these trips are based on positive behaviour, students who receive a high number of behaviour points will not be eligible to attend. We will also be closely monitoring attendance and punctuality, as these factors will influence a student's eligibility for the trips. A reminder: students should go directly to their lessons by 8:40 AM, with lessons starting at 8:45 AM. Arriving after 8:45 AM will result in a late mark and missed valuable learning time at KS4.

Students will receive regular reminders of school expectations during assemblies and tutor time. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these guidelines at home, as we believe they will contribute to improved behaviour and academic progress here at WSfG. For any further clarification, please refer to our website or the link below.

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3285&type=pdf>

Thank you for your continued cooperation, and I look forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead.

Kind regards

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Head of Year 10