



YEAR 10 BULLETIN

Friday 17th October 2025



Dear families,

Welcome to our very first Year 10 Half-Termly Bulletin!

We are delighted to share some of the fantastic achievements and highlights from what has been a brilliant start to the year. As our Year 10 students begin their Key Stage 4 journey, we have been so

impressed by their focus and enthusiasm.

From excellent effort in lessons to great attendance to Working Lunch, they have shown real commitment to GCSE success and to living out our school values each day.

Below you will find this half term's celebrations and recognitions – well done to all of our Year 10 students for making such a positive start and thank you for your continued support at home.

We wish all our students and families a restful break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes,

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Zero Heroes!

A special mention must go to our Zero Heroes – students who have achieved zero negative points this half term! These students have consistently demonstrated our school values of Excellence, Drive, Collaboration and Integrity every single day.

Jamie B, Regan B, Volkan G, Amalie J, Amara O, Kacper P, Harley P, Daniel R, Shanai W, Jessica B, Hamila M, Kelly O, Falisha R, Noor S, Aparna S, Jamie T, Cody V, Leila W, Mary A, Aleena B, Alfie C, Anna M-E, Jia P, Vira, S, Leah T, Ruby T, Kayla V, Albert B, Las G, Alexander S, Ibrahim K, Emeka O, Aderiyike Y.

Year 10 and 11 Zero Heroes were treated to a hot chocolate (with marshmallows!) on Tuesday morning to celebrate their outstanding achievement. What a wonderful start to Key Stage 4 – we are very proud of you all.



Sparx Superstars

A huge congratulations to our Sparx Maths and Science Superstars across this half term. These students have gone above and beyond with their independent learning; leading the way for others in their year group and competing with Year 11 for the top spots!

Maths

- Aderiyike
- Emeka
- Ibrahim K
- Falisha

Science

- Ruby T
- Fadia
- Ryan H

Shout outs!

Every day at lunch time line-up, we celebrate the Year 10 students who have been nominated by their subject teachers for brilliantly demonstrating one of our school values. This half term, Year 10 have received nearly 100 shoutouts. Here are some highlights:

- **Mary A** (History) – nominated by Mr Vasey for Excellence: fantastic work during the lesson and excellence during independent practice.
- **Albert B** (History) – nominated by Mr Vasey for Excellence: for excellent, and precise, answers when cold-called.
- **Zain R** (Religious Studies) – nominated by Mr Olson for Excellence: Amazing work on learning his two essential quotes for RS.
- **Jayden M** (Religious Studies) – nominated by Mr Olson for Excellence: Continually asking good questions about the topics we study and for being such a positive influence in the class.
- **Kyanne** and **Yasmin** (History) – nominated by Ms Ebanks for Excellence: thank you for being fantastic helpers during open day.
- **Elio** (Science) – nominated by Ms Agboola for Excellence: well done for correctly identifying all the pure and impure substances in chemistry.



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October half term homework

All Year 10 students have been set October half term homework to help consolidate their learning and prepare for their Autumn assessments.

The half term break is an important time to balance revision with rest – students have worked incredibly hard this term and deserve a chance to recharge, but it is also important to keep up the momentum as they move further into Key Stage 4.

Completing homework and keeping study routines going will help to ensure a confident and successful start to the next half term. Please support your child to plan their homework time carefully across the two week half term to avoid them having to rush the tasks or feel overwhelmed before returning to school.

You can view the full list of Year 10 half term homework tasks by clicking [here](#).

Year 10 students have been provided with a printed copy of this.

Exploring post-16 options

As we mentioned at the Year 10 welcome event, the start of Key Stage 4 is a fantastic time for students to begin to explore their post-16 options.

This early preparation will help your child to build ambition and direction, giving students plenty of time to begin considering the courses, pathways and future goals that excite them the most. Beginning this process now is especially valuable, as Year 11 becomes a very busy period with preparation for Pre-Public Examinations running at the same time as the application window is open.

We encourage Year 10 students and families to start looking at local sixth form / college options and attending open evenings this year. A reminder that we have created a list of all local destinations with the dates of their upcoming open evenings here. This has also been shared on your child's Google Classroom page.

Attendance reminder

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DAYS OFF
COST GOOD
GRADES

Research suggests
that each **17 days**
missed from school
your GCSE results will
go down **ONE GRADE!**

Working Lunch Superstars

We have been so pleased to see many Year 10 students making the most of every opportunity available to them to succeed at GCSE, including Year 10 Working Lunch sessions which run Monday to Wednesday every week.

As outlined at the welcome to Year 10 event in September, this is a fantastic opportunity for students to get ahead with homework and revise in a silent, supervised space with access to computers.

Our top 10 attendees

- Emeka O
- Steph O
- Jessica B
- Leila W
- Sehar S
- Noor S
- Aleena B
- Lena B
- Falisha R
- Joseph P

We encourage all Year 10 students to take advantage of these sessions and form the habit of attending at least once a week as they move through Year 10 and into Year 11 – small, consistent efforts make a big difference.