



# YEAR 10 BULLETIN

Friday 19th December 2025



Welcome back to our Year 10 half-termly bulletin.

As we reach the Christmas break, we would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the hard work and commitment shown by our Year 10 students this term. They have continued to settle into the routines and expectations of Key Stage 4 with increasing confidence and maturity.

Throughout the Autumn Term, students have completed their first round of assessments in every subject, providing an important early indication of progress and helping students and teachers identify strengths and areas for development. Your child's report will be available on the MCAS app. Assessments in Year 10 continue to support students to build towards their first round of Pre-Public Examinations, where they will complete a formally invigilated examination in every subject at the end of this academic year.

The Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 15th January 2026 and will provide an opportunity to discuss progress, ask questions, and consider next steps as students continue to develop their study habits and academic confidence. Further details regarding Parents' Evening will be sent out in the New Year.

We wish all students and families a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

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## Zero Heroes!

A special mention must go to our Zero Heroes - students who have achieved zero negative points since the start of the academic year! These students have consistently demonstrated our school values of Excellence, Drive, Collaboration and Integrity every single day.

Regan B, Amalie J, Kacper P, Harley P, Jessica B, Falisha R, Leila W, Mary A, Alfie C, Steph O, Vira S, Leah T, Albert B, Ibrahim K, Emeka O, Aderiyike Y

Year 10 and 11 Zero Heroes were treated to a hot chocolate and cookies on Tuesday morning to celebrate their outstanding achievement.



## 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. Here are some highlights:

- **Tem B** (Homework Club) – nominated by Miss Carr for Integrity: thank you for always being kind and helpful at homework club
- **Taiyon** (English) – nominated by Mr Borg for Excellence: for excellent vocabulary use in English
- **Zariah** (Science) - nominated by Ms Gazidedja for Excellence: for excellent dot and cross diagrams and examples of written explanations of ionic bonding.
- **Josiane** (English) – nominated by Miss Carlier for Excellence: fantastic dramatic performance in *An Inspector Calls*.
- **Zain R, Samson** (RS) – nominated by Mr Evans for Excellence: working really hard on their quote analysis in RE.
- **J'Anniyah** (Geography) – nominated by Miss Coupland for Excellence: for working super hard in geography this term. Your hard work has paid off in your recent assessment.
- **Ezekiel** (School Community) – nominated by Ms Moran for Collaboration: for showing maturity and care for other children in the school.
- **Albert B** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Busuttill for Drive: well done for completing over three hours of maths revision using Sparx.
- **Pacha D** (Maths) – nominated by Mr Busuttill for Drive: well done for completing over two hours of maths revision using Sparx.
- **Clayton, Alfie C, Mary A** (RS) – nominated by Mr Vasey for Drive: for working very hard and providing some high quality answers in core RS.
- **Mason M** (Business) – nominated by Ms Ongley for Collaboration: consistently excellent business studies homework.
- **Jahmal** (History) – nominated by Mr Evans for Drive: asking fantastic questions from previous lessons.



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## Christmas homework

All Year 10 students have been set homework for the two week Christmas Holiday to help consolidate their learning and prepare for their Spring assessments. It is important that Key Stage 4 students are striking a good balance between homework/revision with rest and spending time with their family.

Completing homework and keeping study routines going will help to ensure a confident and successful start to the next term.

Please support your child to plan their homework time carefully across the two week break 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.

## St Dunstan's College Futures Convention



**St Dunstan's**  
College

We are extremely proud of our strong partnership with St Dunstan's College, a prestigious independent school in Catford and one of our partner schools. This term, twelve Year 10 students were selected to attend the 'Futures Convention' at St Dunstan's in recognition of their outstanding drive and academic achievement so far this year.

Our partnership with St Dunstan's has led to exceptional outcomes. Over the past two years, eight of our students have secured 100% scholarships and/or bursaries to St Dunstan's College, and this year more of our Year 11 students have successfully completed our new 'Scholarship Pathway' at Orchard Park and have received offers from

the school. Entry to St Dunstan's college is highly competitive and the school requires the top grades (grade 7+) at GCSE level.

As independent school application processes take place much earlier than other post-16 routes, Year 10 Pre-Public examination results are used as a key part of the application process. For this reason, the highest-performing students towards the end of Year 10 will be invited to join our Orchard Park Scholarship Pathway, where they will be supported through exploring and applying for selective post-16 opportunities. More information will be shared at the Year 10 to Year 11 transition event that will take place later in the academic year.

## 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 continuing to make the most of every opportunity available to them to succeed at GCSE, including attending Year 10 Working Lunch sessions on 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.

### Top 10 attendees this half term:

- Leila W
- Noor S
- Steph O
- Aleena B
- Falisha R
- Emeka O
- Amalie J
- Jessica B
- Sehar S
- 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.

## Sparx Superstars

A huge congratulations to our Sparx Maths 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.

- Kyanne-Nadine B
- Sean W
- Trinity A
- Albert B

We would also like to say congratulations to Las G for having the highest total number of hours and minutes spent answering questions in the 'Independent Learning' section of Sparx Maths. Well done, Las – an amazing achievement.