

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

### Year 10 Assessment Data – Parental Letter

Thank you for your support over the year to date, we are extremely proud of our Year 10 students as they have settled into their GCSE studies and how hard they have worked, in partnership with yourselves, to arrive to school in the correct uniform, on time and ready to learn. These core routines of punctuality and attendance will help our students to achieve, develop and thrive so that everyone is best placed to be happy and successful in the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information around assessment, some key dates and some good news stories from our extra-curricular activities.

#### **Year 10 Parents and Carers' Evening**

Please note that Year 10 Parents and Carers' Evening is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. The evening will take place in school from 15:30 – 19:15 and will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers face to face. Information on how to book appointments will follow in due course but please save the date.

#### **Assessment**

From September students and teachers have been working hard in class to make good progress in each subject. In order to monitor that progress teachers continually assess students through a combination of informal classroom assessment and formally marked assessments. Today you will find that assessment monitoring data has been shared with the students and put into their planners, it has also been shared through the SIMS Parent App. If you need any assistance locating this information please email Miss O'Brien ([lynne.obrien@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:lynne.obrien@sharemat.co.uk)) who will be happy to help.

During the summer term, **week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, students will undertake Year 10 mock examinations. These will take place under the same exam conditions as the real GCSE exams in Year 11 and the students will receive a mock examination grade during the last week of the school year. This grade will also help to create a 'Professional Predicted Grade' and a 'Working At' which are shared with colleges as part of the Post 16 application process.

#### **Updates from around school**

- In January we were extremely excited to welcome Kim Leadbeater MP into school to meet with Year 10 students. She shared with them the importance of Parliament in their lives and their role in democracy. Supporting our promotion of the British Values and allowing our students to prepare for the adult world.
- The work produced by our Year 10 Sport Science students has been exemplary to the point that their work has been selected as examples for the whole authority to show other students what they should be striving for. Miss Bland has been keen to point out how proud the PE staff are of the students as they tackle a brand-new course this year.



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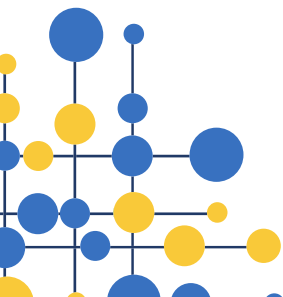
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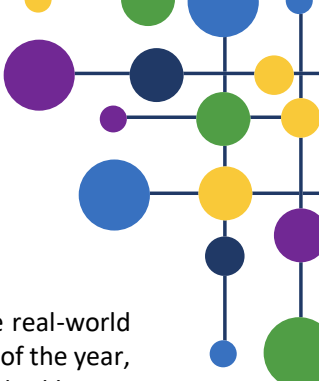


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- In English this half term, Year 10 will continue to flex their writing muscles by exploring some real-world current affairs issues and producing some non-fiction writing themed around them. By the end of the year, we will also have started the study of our final GCSE English literature text - Shakespeare's *Macbeth*!
  - A select group of Mathematicians were chosen to take part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge during the last week of January; following a strong showing many of our students did exceptionally well.

### **Achieve**

A reminder that the Achieve timetable is open to Year 10 students as they prepare for their mock examinations and is also a place to complete homework, catch up on any learning or to get extra-assistance from subject teachers. Sessions are every night 2:45-3:45pm. Please follow this link for more information [Whitcliffe Mount, A SHARE Academy - Extra Curricular Clubs](#).

### **Updates from Extra-Curricular**

- Year 10 have achieved brilliantly in their sporting pursuits. The Basketball Team should be extremely proud of their performances this year as they are yet to lose a game.
- The Year 10 Rugby Team are currently awaiting the draw for the semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup having done amazingly well to come through the group games unbeaten.
- The Year 10 Football Team have trained exceptionally hard this year as they prepare to take the Spen Valley Cup.
- Under 16s Girls' Rugby have qualified for the Yorkshire Cup Rugby Union finals, these are on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at West Park Leeds, kick off time is 11.00am. The team is made up of both year 10 and 11 girls and they are defending last year's title.

### **Advanced notice for Trips**

History students will visit Fountains Abbey as part of their History GCSE Site Study exam preparations in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

Geography students will be enjoying a visit the East Coast at Holderness during the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, as they prepare for the Paper 3 Geographical Applications exam, part of which focuses on students' own fieldwork experiences.

Both visits are really important to the students in terms of their exam preparation but we also strongly feel that learning in the real world is invaluable. Please look out for more information nearer to the time.

### **Careers**

As our Years 10s prepare for life after GCSEs in June we will be starting to look at Post 16 option choices. This will involve careers talks, one to one guidance meetings with a Careers Advisor and assemblies from local post 16 providers. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to really beginning to find out what options are open to them moving forward and asking any questions they have about post 16.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their continued support and for supporting your child(ren) to access and enjoy school life. I wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully



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