



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that our Year 10 students are entering a very exciting and crucial phase of their school life. The GCSE exams are less than a year away and therefore we have set our Year 10 students three key priorities for this half term:

- To lead by example as they become the oldest year group in the main school
- To secure the best possible marks on their coursework
- To be successful in their internal and external assessments.

This half term students and staff are working extremely hard to maximise student marks on controlled assessments (coursework) in many subjects including English, Science, History, Geography, ICT, Design Technology, Performing Arts, and Physical Education. Several of these courses have significant coursework elements and the marks students secure now will influence the grade they achieve in Year 11.

Year 10 internal assessments will run from Friday 19th June to Friday 26th June. An external assessment is also taking place in BTEC Business. Some subjects that are focusing on controlled assessments or coursework will not require students to sit end of year assessments. A timetable of internal assessments is attached with this letter.

We will be challenging students to achieve their target grade or higher on controlled assessments and internal assessments. Students who require extra support will be given intervention to ensure they secure grades that enable them to be successful in Year 11. Results from coursework and from internal assessments will inform our planning of groups for the start of Year 11.

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This half term will also see our Year 10 students involved in several exciting events which will prepare them for their future beyond school. Mock interviews with representatives from local businesses will give our students the opportunity to experience an interview and receive feedback on their performance. A number of students are also looking forward to a week's work experience in July.

The remainder of the year group will have the opportunity to complete work experience in October. A group of students who have aspirations of going to University are attending a week at Lincoln Grosseteste University in July.

End of year activities and trips will also take place in the final week of term to reward students for their hard work this year.

Your continued support in helping your son or daughter to maximise their coursework marks, succeed in internal exams and making the most of the exciting opportunities this half term is critical to their success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions relating to your son or daughter's achievement.

Yours sincerely

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School Leader for Year 10 Achievement