

12 April 2019

Dear Parent

Spring Term 2018-19: Year 10

Another term has passed and, as ever, I am amazed at how fast time seems to be passing. With two thirds of the academic year now behind us, students are well into their GCSE studies in both their core and chosen option subjects. As Head of Year, I continue to be proud of the achievements of the students in my year group and it continues to be a genuine pleasure to see students immersing themselves in everything that life at Lees Brook has to offer. A lot more details regarding these fantastic opportunities were included in the most recent issue of the Keeping in Touch newsletter.

In my autumn term letter, I compared the behaviour of Year 10 students so far this year with the same period of last academic year and was proud to report to you that 1000 more reward points had been issued. I am even more proud to inform you that Year 10 have continued to go from strength to strength in this regard and now sit at 13,926 extra reward points issued compared to the same period when these students were in Year 9 – which is a monumental improvement. It is great to see students creating opportunities to be successful throughout their school lives – but particularly in these pivotal GCSE years.

For up-to-the-minute information about your child's behaviour and attendance, the Class Charts platform is still very much in use. As I offered in my autumn term letter, if you do not have the logon details for your Class Charts account please get in touch with me at school and I will be more than happy to reissue them. After the Easter holiday, Class Charts will replace the student planner as the principal method for recording any homework or detentions that are issued to students. Students have been made aware of this and should have their own codes to access Class Charts. With this in mind, it is vitally important that both you and your child can access Class Charts. There are currently 67 students in Year 10 who have not logged on to their Class Charts account. Please support your child by ensuring they are able to access Class Charts.

Work experience continues to be a focus for Year 10 in school at the moment. Many students tell me when I ask them that they have placements organised, which is encouraging. However, only around 45 students have confirmed placement details with Miss Liker, who organises the work experience programme for all students in Year 10. It is vital that Miss Luker has full details of any planned work experience placements as soon as possible, otherwise your child may not be able to go on work experience if the necessary health and safety checks have not been conducted. As I wrote in my autumn term letter to parents, placements do get taken up quickly as the academic year progresses. I would strongly recommend supporting and encouraging your child to get their placement confirmed as soon as possible and to get the details of placements passed to Miss Luker. No placements are confirmed until this has happened.

Dates for work experience depend on what half of the year your child is in and can be found below, along with other key dates affecting your child in Year 10:

Tuesday 30 April 2019:	Year 10 Subject Evening (4.00pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 23 May 2019:	Year 10 Revision Evening (4.00pm – 8.00pm)
Monday 17 June 2019:	End of Year Exams commence (2 weeks)
Monday 8 July 2019:	Work Experience Week (X-half)
Monday 15 July 2019:	Work Experience Week (Y-half)
Thursday 18 July 2019:	Form Tutor Parents Evening (4.00pm – 8.00pm)

When students return after the Easter holiday, we will be very much in the run-up to end of year exams. These will be a close simulation to GCSE exams that students will sit in Year 11 and students should prepare for the exams with that in mind. There is a revision evening planned for students in Year 10 on Thursday 23 May 2019. Students will be able to bring one parent with them to this evening where key revision skills will be shared and developed. Your attendance at this, along with your child, will be very useful in supporting your child to achieve success in their academic endeavours. The event was very popular with both students and parents last year, so is certainly not to be missed if at all possible.

All that remains is for me to do is to wish you a safe and happy Easter break. I look forward to welcoming students back at the start of the summer term and to meeting many of you at Subject Evening on Tuesday 30 April 2019. As always, should you wish to contact me to discuss any aspect of your child's education please feel free to do so.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Moore
Head of Year 10