March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Year 10 Examinations**

The Year 10 examination period is scheduled for the weeks commencing 25th March and 1st April. This series of exams is tremendously important as it gives students the first true reflection of what to expect when carrying out full GCSE style questions. In many subjects, they will be undertaking a full, previously assessed GCSE examination which will give them an idea of what to expect in just over a years’ time.

Further information regarding the examinations will be provided in due course, in particular a full mock examination timetable, which will allow all students to develop in collaboration with yourselves; a programme of study for home revision.

The easiest way to ensure that you receive any of these communications is to download the School Gateway and Show My Homework apps, as all school communications are regularly posted via these media. They are available to download for free via the Google Play store or the app store for iOS. Providing we have an up to date email address and mobile telephone number on the school system, you are certain to receive key information as soon as it is released. Please contact me on rtopley@bolsover.derbyshire.sch.uk should you have any questions regarding these apps.

If you have any further questions regarding the Year 10 examinations, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself at the school. We do appreciate that this can be quite an emotionally demanding time for everyone, as a school, we do endeavour to offer the necessary support and guidance for students and their parents/carers to ensure that all students get through it and emerge with some excellent grades. Hopefully, this will give them confidence and belief in themselves as they approach the final year of their formal education.

Yours faithfully

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