



HEADTEACHER: Mr K Ford

19th July 2022

Year 10-11 Transition Information

Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start by saying a huge thank you for all your support over the past year. I am incredibly proud of Year 10 for starting their GCSEs in such a positive way and ending the year with their mock exams in such a great way as well. I have put the [link](#) here for the Summer 2022 Voice article that highlights a few key achievements. Below are just a few details and key dates for next year.

Mock Exams

Thank you for your support during this period of time. Students conducted themselves very well and really understood the importance of the mock exams. The majority were prepared and ready for their exams. Their next mock exam period will be **9th-25th November 2022**. Whilst the majority of students were prepared for the exams there were a few students who did not have the correct equipment or uniform. Please ensure that your child has the following equipment ready for September and for their mock exams-

1. Black pens- (more than 1)
2. Pencil
3. Rubber
4. Ruler
5. Calculator
6. Maths equipment
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Laptops/one-to-one devices

The expectation is that students will continue to bring in and use their one-to-one devices in lessons. Students that effectively use as many resources around them as possible develop greater understanding and therefore achieve good grades and make great progress.

Planners

We have made the decision that Year 11 students will be given a planner to use, as these are useful resources, however we will not be requiring parents/carers to sign the planners each week. If you have communication for the school, you can still use the planner or you can email your child's tutor.

Uniform

The majority of students have excellent standards of uniform. However, some students are not meeting our high expectations of uniform. Please be aware that students that fail to meet our expectations of uniform will receive warnings from staff, detentions if the problem persists and in some cases students will have to be out of circulation (not allowed out at break and lunch time) until the issue is sorted. Please see below some key points about our school uniform policy-

- **Blazers-** students are expected to wear their blazer every day at school. Unless told otherwise during times of high temperatures they should always be wearing them
- **School shoes-** Students should be in proper school shoes and not trainers or canvas shoes. This is for health and safety reasons as well as looking smart and appropriate for the school day
- **Jewellery-** One stud in each ear, one plain, simple ring in total and a watch (not a smart watch) are permitted to be worn. Any other jewellery will be asked to be removed and may result in students being out of circulation
- **Hair-** Extremes of hair styles or hair colours (not natural shades) are not permitted.
- **Make-up-** to be natural and subtle, no extremes
- **Nails-** Acrylic nail and coloured nail varnishes and not acceptable. Students are allowed a natural or nude tone nail varnish.

Tutor Teams

We are extremely lucky in Year 10 to have a very strong tutor team and where possible, students have consistency with regards to their tutor. There are, however, 2 main changes to make you aware of. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr Olubari and Ms Fry for being amazing tutors and wish them the best of luck in the future. Please see below the updated tutor list and emails for the tutors for next year-

Tutor group	Tutor	Room	Email address
10K1	Miss McGillivray	T1	jmcgillivray@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10K2	Mr Magnay	B12	hmagnay@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10K3	Miss Lee	E1	clee@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10H1	Mrs Pendlebury/Mrs Cadogan	G4	npendlebury@gms.bucks.sch.uk mcadogan@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10H2	Miss Westie	S8	lwestie@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10H3	Mr Pightling	M1	gpightling@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10E1	Miss Seeley	C11	mseeley@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10E2	Mr Taylor	T10	dtaylor@gms.bucks.sch.uk
10E3	Mr Barnett	S13	pbarnett@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Key members of staff

Miss Blanco-Rand will continue into Year 11 as our Student Support Officer and will continue to work incredibly hard to support all our students to achieve the best possible outcomes for them by the end of the year. I will be going on maternity leave in the October half term. You will be informed as to who will be taking on the role of Acting Director of Learning for Year 11 closer to the time. Please be assured that we will ensure a smooth transition between myself and the new Director of Learning.

Key Dates

Year 11 information evening- Thursday 15th September 6-7pm
 GCSE Geography fieldtrip to Swanage- Friday 30th September
 Mock Exams- 9th-25th November 2022

Year 11 Parents' Evening- Thursday 12th January 2023
Year 11 Bucks Skills Show 8th and 9th March 2023
GCSE Geography fieldtrip to Oxford- Friday 17th March 2023

We look forward to seeing all your children back on **Tuesday 6th September** ready to start Year 11.

Kind regards

Mrs Wheeler
Director of Learning Year 10 into 11