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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students,

I hope you and your families are well. As we move into the Spring 1 term, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what lies ahead for our Year 10 students and to thank you for your continued support.

Year 10 is a pivotal stage in your child's education. As students' progress further into their GCSE courses, expectations increase and routines become even more important. This term is about building momentum, strengthening study habits, and continuing to develop the independence and resilience that will carry students through the rest of this year and beyond. Our staff remain fully committed to supporting every student to achieve their very best.

We truly value the partnership between home and school. When we work together, students are best placed to succeed, and your encouragement and involvement make a significant difference.

### **Key Dates – Spring 1**

Please make a note of the following important dates for this term:

- **Tuesday 20th January** – Year 10 Celebration Breakfast
- **Wednesday 21st January** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Friday 6th February** – Year 10 Catalyst Event (afternoon)

Attendance at Parents' Evening is extremely important. This event provides a vital opportunity to speak directly with subject teachers, understand your child's progress as they move through their GCSE courses, and discuss how best to support them at home. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend, as these conversations can have a powerful impact on student outcomes.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 10 team. We are always happy to help.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Strong attendance remains a key priority in Year 10. Every lesson matters, and consistent attendance plays a crucial role in GCSE success. Absences must be reported via the Studybugs app by 8:30am. Students are expected to arrive on site by 8:35am for tutor time or assembly, and punctual movement between lessons is expected throughout the day. Where attendance drops below 90%, families will be invited in for a meeting so we can work together to put support in place.

Congratulations

to Tosin, Nazila, Hephzibah, Flo, Darlyn, Issaly, Julieth, Ilia, Martha, Maurice, Amon, Elliot, David, Iris, Emily, Olive, Isra, Aaron, Oli, Hector, Natasha, Faith P, Dylan Q M, Elliot R-C, Megi, Javen, Bentley-Rae, Ni'eijah, Ochia, William and Jordan for 100% attendance last half term.

**Year 10 Work Experience – 18th–22nd May 2026**

Year 10 students will take part in their work experience placement from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May 2026, taking place just before the May half-term break.

While this may feel some way off, now is the ideal time to start thinking ahead. If your child has already identified or secured a placement, please ensure the Own-Find Form is

completed and submitted to Ms Nembhard. Forms can be emailed directly or handed in at the Careers Hub on the ground floor.

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into the world of work. Rather than preparing for a single career path, it helps young people understand professional expectations, develop confidence, and build a range of transferable skills that will support them throughout their future education and careers. Students should use Unifrog to create and develop a CV. A step-by-step guide, along with all required documentation, can be accessed through their Unifrog login. If you have any questions or require further support, please contact Ms Nembhard at [cnembhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk](mailto:cnembhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk).

### **Home Learning and Independent Study**

As GCSE content continues to build, independent study becomes increasingly important. All homework is set on Class Charts, where parents and carers can also monitor completion.

Students are encouraged to make use of:

- The library, which is open daily for quiet study and laptop access
- After-school subject support and study clubs
- The Independent Learning section of the school website

Developing consistent routines at home will greatly support students during this crucial stage. With PPEs taking place later in the school year, establishing strong revision habits now will help students feel more confident during the exam period and better able to manage their workload effectively.

### **Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

As students grow in confidence and independence, we encourage families to continue open conversations around online safety and personal wellbeing. Social media and community safety are explored in PSHE lessons, but parental guidance remains essential.

We also remind students to travel home promptly at the end of the school day. With increased reports of phone theft locally, students need to go straight home and avoid hanging around in the surrounding area. Staff are on duty outside school until 3:30pm to help ensure students leave safely.

### **Celebrating Success**

It has been wonderful to see the positive attitude and commitment shown by Year 10 students this year. We are proud of the way they are engaging with their learning and school life, and we look forward to celebrating further achievements throughout the term.

Well done to Harley, Hepzibah, Anna, Megi, Olive and Arabella for the highest number of LORIC points last half term.

### **Young Mayor of Lewisham**

We are incredibly proud of Hephzibah and Jasmine for putting themselves forward to run for Young Mayor of Lewisham. Taking part in such a prestigious and demanding process shows exceptional courage, leadership, and commitment to making a positive difference in their community. This is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of the ambition, confidence, and values we strive to develop in our students. They should both be extremely proud of themselves.

### **Looking Ahead**

Spring 1 is an important opportunity for students to reflect, refocus, and continue building strong foundations for their GCSEs. We believe wholeheartedly in our Year 10 cohort and are excited to see the progress they will continue to make.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or would like to speak with a member of the team, please do get in touch.

Warm regards,  
Miss Wild  
Head of Year 10