

Welcome to Year 10 – A New Chapter Begins

Dear Year 10 Families,

I hope you and your families have had a positive start to the new academic year. It is hard to believe that the students who joined us as Year 7 students in 2023 are now beginning their KS4 journey and starting their GCSE courses.

Year 10 marks an exciting new chapter. Students will build on the skills and experiences they have developed at KS3, while taking greater ownership of their learning, behaviour and personal development. There will be challenges, but also many new opportunities for students to grow, succeed and prepare for life beyond KS4.

Celebrating Year 9 Success

Across the three terms, the year group earned nearly 42,000 LORIC points, making Year 9 the second-highest earning year group for LORIC points across the school. A special shout-out goes to 10LO, who maintained their lead throughout the year, finishing with a lead of over 6,500 points.

Our top 10 LORIC point earners were: Leah, Mikko, Katie, Adam, Amaury, George, Olivia, Ezra, Chardonaye and Ife.

Zero Reflection Points

A huge congratulations to the students who completed a whole year (Year 9) with zero reflection points — an excellent achievement demonstrating consistent positive choices.

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| • Hoang | • Lola | • Azalea |
| • David | • Charlie | • Amelia |
| • Ralph | • Martha | • Connie |
| • Annie | • Zoya | • Pearl |
| • Wunmi | • Hazel | • Louis D |
| • Ebenezer | • Lacey C | • Asia |
| • Gracie | • Zara | • Ernest |
| • Tiana | • Marlow | • Lucas |
| • Sofia WP | • Nigella | • Ellie G |
| • Ellie K | • Ife | • Mikko |
| • George | • Olivia | • Ezra |

A Fantastic Start to Year 10

We have already seen some fantastic examples of students embracing the start of KS4. Congratulations to our current top 20 LORIC point earners:

Asia • Ellie G • David O • Charlie S • Iluminada • Chardonaye • Ebenezer • Seval • Savannah • Tyler R • Alex • Maysa • Zachary • Junior O • Artan • Katie • Martha • Zara • Summer • Ellie K

A huge well done to all of these students! More importantly, Year 10 is a fresh opportunity for every student. Whatever their experiences of KS3, they now have the opportunity to reset, refocus and establish the habits that will support them throughout their GCSE journey

Starting GCSEs – A New Chapter

Students are now beginning their GCSE courses, and this brings increased expectations around independence, organisation, effort and responsibility. The habits students establish now will have a significant impact on their success later in KS4.

We ask families to support their young people by:

- Establishing a regular routine for independent learning and revision.
- Providing a quiet space and dedicated time for studying at home.
- Encouraging students to complete work consistently and to a high standard.
- Helping students to stay organised and prepared for school.
- Encouraging them to ask for support when they are unsure or struggling.
- Supporting strong attendance, punctuality and positive behaviour.

It is important that students understand that independence does not mean working alone. Seeking help when needed is an important part of becoming a successful independent learner.

Home Learning

There will no longer be home-learning booklets for Year 10. Instead, home learning will be set weekly by each subject teacher and recorded on ClassCharts. We therefore ask families to check ClassCharts regularly.

Students should expect approximately one hour of home learning per subject, per week. We encourage students to take responsibility for keeping track of deadlines and developing a consistent routine for completing their work.

Phones and Smart Watches

Government guidance around mobile phones in schools has changed, and our school policy and expectations regarding mobile phones and smart watches have therefore been updated. Our policy of see it, hear it, lose it, applies from gate to gate. Students are expected to follow the updated policy throughout the school day.

We ask parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the expectations and discuss them with their young person. Our school policies are available on the Deptford Green school website.



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Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience Week will take place from Monday 24 May to Friday 28 May 2027. Work experience is not preparation for a specific job. Students should instead focus on developing transferable skills, building confidence and gaining an understanding of different working environments.

Students and families can also secure their own placements, and we encourage you to begin thinking about possible opportunities early. Students will use Unifrog to support them throughout the work experience process. The platform will also help students build their CV, explore and develop their skills, and consider their future beyond KS4.

For careers or work experience questions, please contact Ms Nembhard. Students can find her in the Careers Hub on the ground floor, or she can be contacted at cnembhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk.

Key Dates for Year 10

Year 10 Information Evening	Date TBC
Thursday 1 October 2026	KS3 Graduation Event – In Person
Friday 11 December 2026	GITG KS4 Trip
Tuesday 19 January 2027	Year 10 Celebration Breakfast
Wednesday 20 January 2027	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 5 May 2027	PE/Sports Studies Assessment Trip
Monday 24 – Friday 28 May 2027	Year 10 Work Experience Week
June 2027	Year 10 PPEs – provisional: final week of June
Tuesday 6 July 2027	Year 10 Progression Day

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Working Together

Year 10 is an important year, and we want every student to feel supported, challenged and proud of the progress they make. Our young people will need to take increasing ownership of their learning and development, but they do not have to do this alone.

We greatly value the partnership between school and home. Your encouragement, support and high expectations make a real difference to the progress, confidence and success of our young people.

We are incredibly proud of what this year group achieved at KS3, and we are excited to see what they will achieve as they begin this next chapter.

Here's to a successful, ambitious and rewarding Year 10!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burley-Burton
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