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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of what has been a long but rewarding eight-week half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the successes of our Year 10 students and share some important information as we move forward.

First and foremost, I am incredibly proud of Year 10. They have risen to the challenges placed before them and have continued to demonstrate the importance of being their best in everything they do. Our weekly 'Quote of the Week' has reminded us of this, encouraging students to push themselves to reach their full potential in all areas of life.

Some of our students had the opportunity to attend Boreatton Park PGL on the PE trip, and it was a resounding success. We now look forward to the ski trip, which many of the students are eagerly anticipating. These experiences are invaluable, providing both personal development and memories that will stay with them for years to come.

With Year 11 now starting their mock exams, it's a timely reminder that our Year 10s should begin their preparation for the crucial months ahead. There is strong evidence to suggest that regularly revisiting learning helps to consolidate knowledge in the working memory, preventing it from being forgotten. Therefore, starting revision early and consistently will give them a significant advantage as they progress through their GCSE studies. Please see attached link to a year 11 revision guide I produced from last year. Year 11 is too late to start some of the processes described <https://www.stcuthberts.com/media/10951/4-parent-revision-booklet.pdf>

We have also continued to prioritise attendance, behaviour, and community involvement. Every week, we have rewarded those students who achieved 100% attendance and got their ABCs right—attendance, attitude, behaviour, and contribution to the school community. I'm pleased to share that next term, we will be launching form-led community projects, offering the students a chance to give back while further building their teamwork and leadership skills.

Finally, as we look ahead to the future, I encourage you to visit the websites of local colleges and attend their open days, many of which are now available. It's never too early to start exploring post-16 options and preparing for that next step. The google classroom code for PD and careers is **ob5c3zg**.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope that you and your families have a restful break. Let's continue to work together to ensure that Year 10 achieves their very best in the months ahead.

Kind regards



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**Head of Year 10**



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