



Friday 22 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 10 Head of Year Welcome Back

As the first couple of weeks back in a new academic year are behind us, I wanted to touch base with you all and congratulate year 10 on such a successful return to school. I have received great feedback from staff around school about how well year 10 conduct themselves and they are certainly rising to the challenges of KS4 with enthusiasm. This year, year 10 are role models to the younger year groups and are so far doing an excellent job at this.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up.

- w/c 16th October brings the House Sports Week, a great opportunity for students to get involved with exciting activities and gain points for the House competition! This will be Football for Winton and Netball for Glenmoor
- 2nd November – the return of our highly anticipated International Food Festival. This was a huge success last year and I am so excited to return and taste wonderful foods from around the world as well as meet families of our students.
- w/c 27th November will be the next House Olympiad, the engineering challenge.
- w/c/ 11th December is a huge week for our house system, bringing with it House Charity week and the second House Sports week (Benchball – Glenmoor, Rugby – Winton)

The following school trips are going ahead this half term. We look forward to sharing how these go in the end of term newsletters and hope that all students in attendance have a wonderful time!

- Kew Gardens – for GCSE art, photography, textiles and graphics students
- Catalonia - For Y10 Spanish students to give them the opportunity to experience Spanish culture and to practice the language outside of the classroom in a real-life setting. Discover areas such as Las Ramblas, UNESCO world heritage site Park Güell in Barcelona and a guided city tour.
- Belgium Battlefields – History trip to visit the World War I Battlefields in Belgium and experience what life was like for soldiers on the Western Front
- Woman in Black – for year 10 and 11 drama students

As well as this, we have a huge variety of extracurricular clubs that run daily at lunchtime and after school. With no fewer than 39 clubs running, I highly recommend that you check the school website for more information and details of clubs that students may wish to attend, emailing the teacher to find out if there are spaces left. Please do keep in touch with things going on at the school, regularly checking the school calendar to find out what's upcoming at the Academies.

Year 10 parents' evening will run on the evening of the 14th March so make sure it is in your calendars, and our first set of mocks will happen during w/c 5th February, the week before half term.

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I am lucky this year to teach two year 10 groups, and they are a truly fantastic bunch so I would love to give a shout out to 10GY5 science and 10WX4 science for their hard work and efforts! Thank you as well to all the student leaders who gave up their free time to support the year 7s finding their way around school on the first few days back.

A reminder that if you have any queries, worries or just want to keep us updated, we are easily contactable at year10team@glenmoorandwinton.org.uk. If students are lacking any equipment, please remind them that they can source this in the small office, upstairs in the Brundle building.

Lastly, I just want to extend a huge thank you, to you as parents, for supporting the students back to the start of a hugely successful new year at Glenmoor and Winton Academies. I am so proud to lead such a wonderful year group.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Year 10

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