



Dear Parents and Carers

**Year 9-10 Study Skills Evening: 5.30 – 7pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

We are delighted to have years 9 and 10 back with us after the summer holidays and have been very pleased with their mature attitude to study over the past two days.

As you will be aware, the new GCSEs require students to learn large amounts of knowledge and there is a much greater emphasis on exams than on coursework or controlled assessment. To help you understand the exam syllabuses and support revision at home from the start of the year, we are running a joint Year 9 and 10 Study Skills Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We will also provide you with some subject specific advice about supporting study for English, Maths and Science.

Our hope is that by having this evening very early in the school year, we will be able to work together so that your child develops revision strategies that are effective and spread the revision over time in a manageable way. Our experience tells us that developing consistent, steady revision habits throughout the whole of Key Stage 4 can make a transformational difference to exam results and help to reduce anxiety during the final exam period.

Sign in for the evening begins at 5.30pm; during which the Year 9 and 10 tutors, Ms Smart, Ms Alexander and myself will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have about the year ahead. The formal section of the evening begins in the Main School Hall at 6pm.

I very much hope that we meet you next week and look forwards to seeing you at the rest of our school events over the coming year.

Yours faithfully

Deborah Gostling

Deputy Headteacher