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Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 10,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of key events remaining this term for Year 10 students:

- **Year 10 Parents' evening** Wednesday 24th May
- **Year 10 Examinations** Monday 19th – Friday 30th June
- **Second Year 10 Professional Day** Monday 19th June, periods 1 and 2
- **South Downs/Sixth Form Taster Day** Thursday 22nd June
- **Work Experience** Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July
- **Year 10 Practice Interviews** Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th July
- **Post-16 options evening** Tuesday 11th July – 6:30pm in the Hall

Year 10 parents' evening reminder

This will take place on Wednesday 24th May - www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y10-Parents-evening-24-5-23.pdf . Booking for this evening is done online, but the event will be in-person.

Year 10 Examinations reminder

I wrote to you previously about the Year 10 exams - www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Y10-Exams-2023.pdf , but I just wanted to mention them again here in case you missed the earlier communication. The revision booklet produced to help prepare for these exams has been shared on the Y10 Team and has been emailed home too - www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/YEAR-10-REVISION-BOOKLET-2023.pdf .

Year 10 Careers events

Students have already experienced a 'Professional Day' on 23rd January. Mrs McQuiston has used a Careers 'Team' online to keep students up to date too. In preparation for the practice interviews, Year 10 students have been asked to submit their CV to her by Friday 26th May on that Team. Please encourage your child to do this, if they have not done so already.

Other impending events related to careers/ your child's next stage of their education that we want to make you aware of are as follows:

- **Second Professional Day, Monday 20th June**
On Monday 20th June students will be off timetable for lessons 1 and 2 to take part in a session relating to careers and their future. During this time, they will be given the opportunity to prepare for the practice interviews and be given further information for the taster day and work experience.

- **Y10 South Downs/Sixth Form Taster Days, Thursday 22nd June**

Students will have the opportunity to experience technical/vocational or A Level courses on a Taster day that had been scheduled for Thursday 22nd June during periods 1-5. Around 100 students have been invited to attend a South Downs College taster and they have selected their taster choice. The students remaining in school will attend an Oaklands Sixth Form taster event. Further details, particularly for students attending the trip to South Downs, will be provided nearer the time. Students will not need to wear school uniform for either of these events.

- **Work experience 3rd- 7th July**

During this week your son/daughter will be on work experience placement that has been arranged by either themselves or the school. Please make sure they are aware of where their placement is, travel arrangements, their working hours, what they need to wear and lunch arrangements. Mrs McQuiston will cover some of this in a preparation session before they go out on placement. They will also be given a booklet to complete during the placement. If your son/daughter is unwell or unable to attend for any reason we ask that you inform the school and employer of any absence. A reminder that there is a £25 charge for this activity, which is subsidised by the school to keep the cost as low as possible. Please pay this if you have yet to do so.

- **Practice interviews 10th – 11th July**

During Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July, all Year 10 students will attend a practice interview, for which they will need to wear smart interview attire or full school uniform as normal. *Students will be expected to bring to the interview their CV prepared as part of their Careers lessons – please see earlier comment about the need for this to be uploaded to the Careers Team.*

For the practice interview students will need to consider their future choices, what they gained from their work experience and prepare for that interview, including researching some information about their chosen career path and preparing questions for their interviewer.

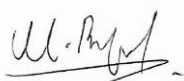
- **Post-16 options evening, Tuesday 11th July**

This event is to provide an opportunity for students and parents to find out about the different options available to students post-16 and to speak to a range of local colleges and apprenticeship providers to find out information. The evening will start at 6:30pm in the Hall.

If you have any questions about the Y10 exams, please contact me – m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org . If you have any questions about the Careers events, please contact Mrs McQuiston – a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org . Your child can also Teams message either of us too. In addition, I would urge your child to monitor the Careers Team and the OCS-Year19Students Team for messages/ instructions from us over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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