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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

I am writing to make you aware of some key events remaining this term for Year 10 students:

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| • Year 10 Examination Period | Tuesday 16 th – Friday 27 th June |
| • Second Year 10 Professional Day | Monday 15 th June |
| • Post-16 Options Evening | Tuesday 16 th June at 6.00pm in the Hall |
| • South Downs / Sixth Form Taster Day | Monday 22 nd June |
| • Work Experience Week | Monday 29 th June – Friday 3 rd July |
| • Year 10 Practice Interviews | Friday 10 th and Monday 13 th July |

Year 10 Examination Period

The revision booklet produced to help prepare for these exams has been shared on the Year 10 student Team and can be found here on the website via [this link](#). I have written to you separately with the full details of the exam timetable.

Year 10 Careers Events

Students have already experienced a 'Professional Day' earlier this year. 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 22nd May through their Unifrog account. 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 15th June**

Students will be off timetable for lessons 1 to 4 to take part in sessions relating to careers and their future. During this time, they will be given the opportunity to think about their future career path, learn about financial issues, prepare for the practice interviews and be given further information for the taster day and work experience.

- **Post-16 Options Evening, Tuesday 16th June**

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 6.00pm in the Hall.



Community Unity Opportunity



- **Year 10 South Downs / Sixth Form Taster Days, Monday 22nd June**

Students will have the opportunity to experience technical/vocational or A Level courses on a Taster Day during periods 1-5. Around 85 students have been invited to attend a South Downs College taster and they should have selected their taster choice with Mrs McQuiston or on the link that was in Teams. The students remaining in school will attend an Oaklands Sixth Form taster event and will select their A Level taster choices on the day. Further details, particularly for students attending the trip to South Downs, will be provided nearer the time. Students will need to wear school uniform for the taster at South Downs.

- **Work Experience Week, Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July**

During this week your child 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. All of this information can be found on their Unifrog account in the 'placement' section. Mrs McQuiston will cover some of this in a preparation session before they go out on placement. If your child is unwell or unable to attend for any reason we ask that you inform the school and employer of any absence.

- **Practice Interviews, Friday 10th and Monday 13th 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 have completed their CV prior to the interview as part of their Careers lessons – please see earlier comment about the need for this to be e mailed to Mrs McQuiston through their Unifrog account.*

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.

If you have any questions about the Year 10 exams, please contact me via Teams or email, a.gorman@oaklandscatholicschool.org.

If you have any questions about the Careers events, please contact Mrs McQuiston via Teams or email, a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org .

In addition, I would urge your child to monitor the Careers Teams page and the OCS-Year22Students Teams page for messages or instructions from us over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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