



April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Welcome back Year 10!**

We hope you and your family have had a safe and relaxing Easter break and that Year 10 students are ready to come back to College to continue their learning. This next term is really important for this year group as they will have key assessments in English Literature to provide further evidence to help determine their grade and they will be preparing for mock examinations which are due to commence in June.

### **College Uniform**

Our expectations in terms of uniform remain in the Summer term, including hair style/colour and jewellery. As the weather is milder, students are no longer be allowed to wear outdoor coats and hoodies in classrooms. In line with this year's uniform policy, they must wear a black blazer and/or a plain black V-neck jumper/cardigan. Students can continue to wear their Minsthorpe PE kit to College on the days they have PE.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

The students who have the best attendance are the most successful in their learning, therefore please ensure your child has good attendance, unless there is a valid medical reason. Year 10 students continue to enter the College site at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is on time for their lessons.

### **Expectations for Learning**

Following their return to College, students have been working hard and have approached their learning with maturity and focus. As this year group make their transition towards Year 11 and become role models for other students, it is even more imperative that they apply themselves fully in lessons and demonstrate sensible and respectful behaviour around the site.

### **Mock Examinations**

Mock examinations will take place from 7<sup>th</sup> June. These exams will be imperative in assessing students in order that we can continue to support them to make progress. Students will need to start revising for these exams to ensure they are fully prepared. Teachers will be talking to them about these exams in lessons so that students are aware of what and how to revise.

### **Home Learning Detentions**

It is essential that students are working hard at school and at home, therefore starting this week, students who fail to complete three pieces of home learning will be given a detention. We want students to avoid this, so please encourage your child to complete their Satchel:One work on time and to a high standard. Remember that you can also log in to Satchel one to monitor their work. If you need help with this, please contact the College.

### **Assigning English Literature Grades**

English assessments will continue over the next 5 weeks. Students will have in class assessments on A Christmas Carol, Macbeth and Unseen Poetry. It is important that students are revising at home to prepare for these assessments. Should you have any concerns about these assessments then please contact us. If concerns are raised after the grades have been submitted to the exam board then this may be too late.

We thank you in anticipation of your support in the above areas.

Yours sincerely

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