

Year 10 Newsletter

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Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the Year 10 newsletter!

Despite last term being the shortest, it was still a busy time for Year 10 but they continue to impress us with their hard work and dedication towards their GCSE and vocational courses. The students are really turning a corner when it comes to recognising the level of maturity and independence required to succeed at Key Stage 4 which is so rewarding to see. We hope that this continues, not only in the lead up to their Mock Exams in June but also into their final year with us. We are confident they won't let us down!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement
Leader



Head of Year



Miss Keenan
KS4
Head of Year

Achievement

Weekly Whole School Rewards:

Week 1: Top 50 Part of a Community Points – £10 Greggs voucher prize draw. Winner = Beth S

Week 2: Most lesson grade 1s – Sweet jar. Winner = Molly R

Week 3: Top homework completion – Form breakfast. Winners = 10A

Week 4: Least lesson grade 3/4 – Easter eggs. Winners = Jacob M, Louise D, Tilly Mae B, Oliver W, Sofia T

Week 5: Top 200 Reflective points – Prize draw for a laptop. Winner = TBA

Well done to all of our Year 10s who have won awards or finished top in the year group for half term 3!

English Half Term 4 Hero – Tansy C

February Student of the Month – Alex C

Our Values-



Winners of a most academy values points:

Kind – Amelia B
Resilient – Beth S
Reflective – Freya H
Part of a Community – Daniel P

Top 5 Achievement Points:

1st – Louise D
2nd – Jacob M
3rd – Sofia T
4th – Oliver W
5th – Evie W



WINNER

Student of the Month



Attendance Matters

Well done to the students who have 100% attendance so far this academic year. These students are giving themselves the best chance at succeeding in their lessons by not having any gaps in learning!

Congratulations to the following students who worked hard to improve their attendance last half term:

Rylee B
Emi G-W
Laura H
Kobie L
Ryley P
Charlie S
Ethan W

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our weekly 100% attendance prize draw winner for half term 4. Ten students are drawn in assembly every week to win a queue jump pass or a free cookie!

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Curriculum Spotlight

History

Last term, students began their second topic, *Migration, Empires and the People, c.790–present day*. They studied the reasons for Viking migration, as well as the factors contributing to the rise and fall of the Angevin. Students evaluated the legacy of significant historical figures such as King Alfred, King Cnut, and King Henry II. Alongside this, they further developed their exam skills by analysing a range of historical sources and practising extended writing responses. This term, students will explore the impact of the transatlantic slave trade and examine how Britain expanded its empire into parts of Asia and Africa following the American War of Independence.

Business

Students have been working on their controlled assessment, focusing on a local business, The Hayloft. They have investigated different methods of market research and used PEST analysis to examine external influences on the business. This term, they will build on this by studying SWOT analysis, a strategic planning tool used to identify an organisation's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to support effective decision making.

Reading Spotlight



Reading in R2L – students are reading *More Than This*.

'Nuggets for Nuggets'

The students with the most Century Nuggets completed were rewarded with a Chicken Nuggets Happy Meal in the last week of half term!

Congratulations to our winners: Amelia M, Bobby T, Jayden H, Samuel H-M, Millie S, Clayton M, Macy J, Fynn D, Holly A, Zara L.

IT

Students have been completing their controlled assessment by developing a visual identity, planning a digital graphic to match this identity, and then creating both elements. This term, they will explore the key concepts behind digital media, focusing on how media products are planned, created, and evaluated for different audiences and purposes.

Computer Science

Students have been learning how computers connect and communicate through networks. They have explored different types of networks, from small local systems to large global networks like the Internet, and how these enable devices to share data and resources. This term, they will focus on network threats, learning about risks such as malware, phishing, and hacking, and how these can lead to data loss, system damage, or unauthorised access.

Aspirations

Year 10 Mock Interview Day was a great success, providing students with a valuable opportunity to develop their confidence and communication skills, as well as prepare for their next steps beyond school.

The event was strongly supported by parents, and we were delighted to welcome eighteen interviewers from a wide range of organisations, including Barclays, Siemens, and the NHS. Students also had the chance to ask insightful and valuable questions about the workplace, gaining a deeper understanding of different career pathways.

Their time, expertise, and constructive feedback made the experience both realistic and highly beneficial for our students.



Year 10 Mock Interview Day

Home Learning Focus

Year 10 Homework Club – takes place every day in EG01. Please contact Miss Lithgow if you would like your child to attend and receive further support.

Parent Support – mobile phones can be a great tool when it comes to students completing revision at home however, they can also cause the biggest distraction! Research shows that on average, a teenager receives 237 notifications per day! Support your child by removing their phone when completing work on their computer/laptop or get them to turn off their notifications during that time so they are not distracted by the sight and sound of them popping up.



Parent Tip:

Having a quiet area to work when completing homework is crucial for your child's focus. Looking after their phones during this time also removes a potential distraction!

Assessment Focus



Year 10 Mock Exams Revision Launch – week beginning Monday 18th May. Students will be given their revision booklets and have a revision assembly about the Mock Exams.

Revision Event – Thursday 4th June. An important opportunity for students to receive extra support to prepare for their assessments.

Mock Exams Begin – week beginning Monday 15th June. These will take place in exam venues and provide students' Tracking 3 results.

Trips and Events

Bay of Naples Trip

The Bay of Naples - The geography trip to the Bay of Naples was an enjoyable and memorable experience for the students, combining learning with exciting activities.

They climbed Mount Vesuvius, where reaching the summit gave them a real sense of the power of volcanoes. Visits to Pompeii and Herculaneum brought history to life, helping students imagine what life was like before the eruption.

The group also explored the beautiful coastal towns of Amalfi, Sorrento, and Positano, enjoying the scenery and traditional gelato!

A visit to a local farm, where students made cheese and pizza, was a highlight and gave a taste of local culture. Exploring Naples Underground was also fascinating, showing how the tunnels were used as shelters during World War II.

Overall, the trip was a rewarding experience that helped students connect their classroom learning to the real world.



Engage in Enrichment

Well done to all those that take part in our range of clubs after school. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join a club in this new term.

****New Club – Athletics Club****
Wednesdays
Athletics Track



Year 10 Enrichment Involvement: 158 students (59.8%)
Best Represented Tutor Group: 10A

RAF Cadet Success

Congratulations to Naomi M who recently won Best Recruit at her recent Passing Out parade – an excellent individual achievement!

Youth Speaks

Congratulations to *Linards M, Andrew S and Lucas H* for their involvement in the Rotary Youth Speaks regional round back in February! They represented the academy and themselves with distinction against some very tough opposition and showed some excellent debating and public speaking skills. We are extremely proud of their efforts!



Rock Night

The annual music event saw some standout performances from students in our year group. Well done to our amazing singers and musicians! *Emily G, Kiya M, Heidi H-M, Lucy H, Molly R, Benny F, Joseph H.*

