

# Year 10 Newsletter

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## Welcome

Firstly, allow me to wish all parents, families and carers all the best for 2025!

2024 was another landmark year for the year group. Options were chosen, GCSEs began and the students continued to impress with their maturity and desire to succeed. I have no doubt, that as GCSE exams loom on horizon next year, that students will do everything they can this year to ensure that they are successful in this area. Overall their study habits and application certainly suggest this will be the case.

As always, I always welcome the opportunity to work all parents and carers. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, issues or concerns at [leon.tootle@thesuttonacademy](mailto:leon.tootle@thesuttonacademy).

Mr Tootle

Mrs Bibby



Achievement Leader



Head of Year



Miss Keenan  
KS4 Head of Year

## Achievement

Well done to our Year 10 students who obtained the highest number of Grade 1 in December. These are;

Ryan S (10T)  
Isabella Turner (10N)  
Lucia Bond (10O)  
Chloe Davies (10A)  
Ella Burns (10N)  
Savannah Lee (10D)  
Isabella May (10S)  
Jayden Davies (10G)  
Emi Davies (10A)  
Etty Dooley (10T)

Well Done!

WINNER



Student of the Month  
- November Abbie R

Congratulations!

## Curriculum Spotlight

Year 10 students will be completing GCSEs in both English Language and English Literature next summer.

Last half-term students completed a unit introducing them to the Unseen Poetry question which features in English Literature exam (Paper 2). Students have also begun studying the reading section of English Language (Paper 1).

This half-term, students are studying A Christmas Carol. Ms. Johnson has made it clear, ideally students could watch a version of the story at home; there should be options available on Netflix or Amazon Prime. A holiday season treat!

## Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities remains student attendance. A key message that is shared with students is "better attendance leads to better academic outcomes". We have an aspirational target that we want all students to strive to achieve which is 96% and above and we work hard with students to achieve this. I have been working closely with Assistant Principal Mr Hodgson to provide a range of prizes and incentives to reward those students for weekly and cumulative attendance across the half-term.

Please do continue to support your child in attending school on a regular basis. This remains especially vital as students have now started GCSE courses.

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## Assessment Focus

Assessment week will be taking place w/c 3/2/2025. Results will form basis of Tracking 2 reports.

We remind students that revision should be on-going throughout academic year for students.

It really is key students remain aware of this and do their very best to ensure revision remains an on-going process- throughout academic year.

As an academy we remain committed to ensuring students are self-regulated learners. Regular revision - completed early and often- will help ensure students have best chance of success.



## Reading Spotlight

During Year 10 two Ready to Learn sessions each week will be devoted to Reading.

Students in Years 10 will have the opportunity to read and enjoy a range of non-fiction articles on a wide range of subjects.

This term Year 10, as a result of a mock election, students have chosen 'More Than This' to read.



As an avid reader, I am always delighted to hear what else students may be reading and I encourage them to read avidly and widely. It really is invaluable!

## Home Learning Focus

Home learning tasks continue to be set on ClassCharts. Support from parents and carers is always hugely appreciated and valued in this area. Log-in codes are available at request from myself.

Computers remain available for students to complete their homework during break, lunch and after school until 3.40pm. These are available in E-Block and students' use is always encouraged.

Many home learning tasks are designed to feed into the following sequence of lessons, so it is paramount that students hand their home learning task in on time.

## Trips and Events

Last term students showed immense interest in our Ten Days of Christmas programme. This featured a range of events from Christmas stocking making, visit of reindeers, a 'Santa dash' and a dress down day on the final day of term. The enjoyment that the students got from these events was evident and a fitting reward for their effort this year.

Particular thanks to Year 10 tutor Mr Richardson (10U) who was particularly instrumental in organising these events. The Christmas assembly was also a fitting way to celebrate all our collective success too!

## Aspirations

Year 10 will also be visiting Liverpool Hope University later this academic year. This should be an invaluable that encourages all of our students to think about next steps and aim high!

Also, I will also be including resources on Class Charts after each of my Achievement Leader assemblies for students to consider the world around them more broadly. This week it relates to Martin Luther King!

As always, we welcome thoughts of staff and students alike in this.



Any questions please contact me:

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Mr Richardson pictured with Matty Lees (Saints RFC) at the Santa Dash