



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents,

Year 10 End of Autumn Term Letter

I am writing to you in what has been a very long and busy term for Year 10 but they have been meeting the demands of GCSE's really well. On the whole I have been impressed with students' attitude towards their studies this term. It continues to be fantastic to see great engagement beyond the classroom with involvement in Drama, Music and Sport. Twenty-eight Year 10's have completed training as Dorset Wellbeing Mentors and are doing a great job supporting our Year 7 students settle into school life at Colfox. I was really proud that so many students achieved all GREEN attitude-to-learning grades in the first set of reports and I hope this continues in the New Year.

Moving into the New Year, expectations and demands of GCSE's will continue to grow but I know the students are up for the challenge and we are here to support them every step of the way. It is important that students continue to talk to you their parents, tutors and teachers if they are ever finding things difficult so that support can be provided as quickly as possible. Students must remember that the Year 10 Study Café is open every Tuesday and Thursday in A107 and refreshments will be provided.

My two biggest concerns from this term are students still not being fully respectful to one another and punctuality. In life, we will not always get on with everyone but it is important that students are respectful to each other so that they can settle to study at school. Secondly, punctuality, a significant amount of learning time is missed weekly if students do not arrive to lessons on time. I fully understand that Year 10 like socialising with their friends but this must be kept to breaks and lunches as school is first and foremost a place for learning to ensure they have bright and prosperous futures. Some students will be going onto punctuality report card if there are not improvements early in the New Year.

Finally, work experience is not too far away. I have been given a number of forms from students and more forms can be collected from myself if required. It is really important we get these back, at the latest, by **Friday 14 January**. Mr Farrow, Mr Thompson and I will be meeting early in the New Year to get everything organised from school so that hopefully all Year 10 students will be out on work placements. This week is a compulsory requirement for their education and a fantastic opportunity for them to learn a lot about what they may hope to do in the future. Please get in touch if you have any further questions.



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Reminder for next term:

Year 10 Assessment Week – 9 to 13 January 2023
Year 10 Parents Evening – Monday 6 February 2023
Year 10 Work Experience – 20 to 24 March 2023

Communication with school:

I know as parents your communication with school is really good and it is really important that we are made aware of any concerns you or your child has so that we can deal with any issues and support them appropriately. Moving forward please can you follow the following communication procedure so that we can continue to support your child in the best ways possible.

Daily Absence Concerns:

If your child is going to be off unwell or has a medical appointment please call the absence number or email attendance@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Tutor Contact:

If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, homework, initial concerns about ongoing absence, behaviour issues, friendship issues, uniform issues or wider family issues that you feel the school needs to be aware of, please contact their tutor. It is really important you stay in contact with your child's tutor as your first point of contact with school.

A10JCC – Miss Carpenter – CarpenterJ@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

F10AJ – Miss Jackson – JacksonA@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

H10CAS – Dr Sharma – SharmaC@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

H10ES – Miss Sutherland – SutherlandE@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

T10AJN – Miss Nicoll – NicollA@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

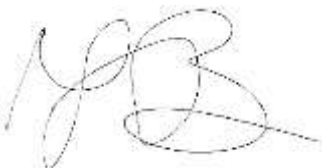
Head of Year

If tutors notice ongoing concerns that persist they will pass to me as your child's Head of Year and I will get in contact with you. I know I have worked closely with many of you to support your child over the last few years.

Mr Bartlett – BartlettN@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

From myself and all the Year 10 Team, we wish you a peaceful and relaxing Christmas Period.

Yours sincerely



Nathan Bartlett
Head of Year 10