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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 10

As the Easter Holiday approaches, we look forward to warmer days, lighter evenings and summer flowers blooming but it also provides us with a chance to pause and reflect of everything that has been achieved this term. Year 10 students have been recognised by their teachers 7,482 times for displaying the St Edward's virtues, which reward students not just for their academic ability but also for developing character which we hope will enable them to live full, positive and productive lives long after they leave St Edward's.

As Year 10 students prepare to enter the summer term we arrive at a really important time in their journey through St Edward's. Within the summer term there is a host of significant of events that allow student to experience things that will help them prepare for Year 11.

The first of which is the Year 10 examinations which you will be aware of from my early letter. These have several benefits from a monitoring and intervention perspective, but from a student's point of view, preparing for these exams thoroughly will allow them to work out what works well and what doesn't ahead of sitting the 'real' exams the following year. I would encourage all students to make a detailed revision timetable, which allows them to 'space' their practice in smaller chunks over a period of time, this way they will remember more of the content and will be less stressed. In advance of their exams tutors will be leading sessions on scientifically proven revision techniques. Effective revision is a crucial skill that students will need to develop in order to be successful in the GCSEs.

Work experience follows shortly after and it is so exciting to see the vast array of different opportunities students have managed to line up for this week. A reminder that if you do have any questions about the Year 10 work experience, please do contact school and speak to our work experience coordinator, Mrs Ruby.

As a school we are at our most successful when we work alongside yourselves in a partnership and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school. Your support enables us to continue to have high standards of our students, with their uniform, hair, punctuality, behaviour in lessons and beyond. I thank you for your support in ensuring your child meets our standards. To help ensure students are able to maintain these high standards in the first week back, students will be reminded of the everyday expectations we have of them though assemblies led by our SLT.

May I leave you with my best wishes for Easter. I hope you have a safe, happy and healthy break and I look forward to seeing students on their return.

Yours faithfully,

Luke Kemish

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