



3 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Year 10 Summer Term 2

I hope you all had a good break. We are pleased to welcome back the year 10 students' this morning to their last term as year 10s. In a year's time the year group will be half-way through their GCSE examinations and so over the next 12 months, we will be particularly focussed on supporting your child and helping them practice and prepare for their final examinations.

Again, I want to reflect on how proud we are of this year group so far this academic year. Last term they have again shown us great dedication and resilience to their core and chosen GCSE subjects and we couldn't be prouder of this year group.

This term is a busy one, with tracking point assessments, local/international visits and work experience. Work experience is an invaluable chance for our students to explore different career paths, gain practical skills and learn about the world of work. I am looking forward to visiting some placements during this week.

Tracking Point Assessments/Exams

As we enter the Summer Term 2, I wanted to remind you of when Year 10 tracking point assessments and examinations will be taking place. These assessments will feel different to those the year group have done before: many will take place in the Sports Hall, where final GCSE examinations take place, most subjects will be setting full GCSE papers or papers comprised of GCSE questions, reflecting the level of demand students will have in a year's time.

These are the dates below; please use these to help support your child with their revision.

Date	Tracking point assessments and/ or examinations
7 June 2024	UL Maths Higher / Foundation Paper 2 (calculator) - Ardeche trip students only
12 June 2024	CNat Enterprise: Unit 3 Marketing and Finance for Enterprise
12 June 2024	GCSE Business Paper 1
12 June 2024	UL Maths Higher / Foundation Paper 1 (non-calculator)
13 June 2024	UL Biology Triple
13 June 2024	UL Combined Science: Biology Higher / Foundation
13 June 2024	UL History Paper 1

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17 June 2024	UL Chemistry Triple
17 June 2024	UL Combined Science: Chemistry Higher / Foundation
18 June 2024	Geography Tracking Point Assessment
19 June 2024	UL French Reading Higher / foundation
19 June 2024	UL German Reading Higher / Foundation
19 June 2024	UL Spanish Reading Higher / Foundation
20 June 2024	UL History Paper 2
21 June 2024	UL Physics Triple
21 June 2024	UL Combined Science: Physics Higher / Foundation
24 June 2024	UL Maths Higher / Foundation Paper 2 (calculator)
24 June 2024	Computer Science Paper 1
25 June 2024	Psychology Tracking Point Assessment
25 June 2024	Music Tracking Point Assessment
25 June 2024	CNat Sport Tracking Point Assessment
26 June 2024	Religious Studies Tracking Point Assessment
26 June 2024	Creative iMedia Tracking Point Assessment
27 June 2024	GCSE Business Paper 2
27 June 2024	UL French Reading Higher / Foundation
27 June 2024	UL German Reading Higher / Foundation
27 June 2024	UL Spanish Reading Higher / Foundation

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming assessments/examinations, please contact your child's class teacher directly. Information on topics to revise is available on Arbor as an Assignment.

Uniform

If you have any queries regarding uniform, the uniform policy is available to read on our website: <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/uniform>. Please ensure that your child's belongings have their name in them so that they can be identified if they are lost and sent to student reception.

A reminder that Nike Airforce trainers etc and hoodies are not permitted. Only black school jumpers with no logo are permitted. These are available from our uniform suppliers.

Equipment

A reminder that your child's tutor will check students' equipment each morning and monitor those who do not have the required equipment. This has had a significant positive impact on learning in the classroom; thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Below is a list of 'essential' and 'desirable' equipment students should attend school with each day.

Essentials - with students every day, every lesson	Desirables - ideal for students to have with them
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x black pen • 2 x green pen • 2 x pencil • ruler • eraser • scientific calculator (maths/science) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pencil case • pencil sharpener • coloured pencils • geometry set • highlighters • glue stick

Students can purchase school equipment including Scientific calculators before school, break, and lunchtime from Student Reception in cash and on the school shop on Arbor.

Attendance

This term we continue to focus on all students achieving 96% attendance. When a student's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern. Low attendance results in less time in the classroom and can severely impact on outcomes. For your child to have the best chance and good GCSE grades and future study pathways, please ensure they attend school every day.

Ensuring attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal obligation and we are keen to support parents with this, not least because of the huge amount of national data that proves the correlation between good attendance and academic progress.

If your child is unable to attend College, please notify us on 01730 812451 then select option 1 or via email: attendance@mrc@academy.org.

As always, punctuality will also continue to be monitored. Regular poor punctuality will be flagged to parent/carers and sanctions will be put in place. Please can we ask parents to support us in encouraging good attendance and punctuality.



Any more information or forms regarding attendance can be located on our website: <https://www.mrcacademy.org/information/attendance> or by emailing our Year 10 Attendance lead Mrs C. Houghton-Wilson carolynne.houghton-wilson@mrc-academy.org.

School Contacts

Please continue to contact form tutors initially regarding queries or concerns regarding your child, as they play a vital day to day role in the pastoral care of your child. Please see below and the next page for our Year 10 teams contact information.

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10W-AHK Mr A Hancock
10W-RSR Mr R Spinner

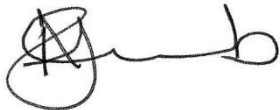
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Other Key Dates

- 22 June-29 June 2024
- 8 July-12 July 2024
- 16 July 2024

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Year 10 Work Experience Week
Year 10 Parents Evening

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Lamb', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Mr Ashley Lamb
Head of Year – Year 10