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Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 10,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of key events remaining this term for Year 10 students:

- **Year 10 Parents' evening** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- **Year 10 Examinations** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- **Second Year 10 Professional Day** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, periods 1 to 4
- **South Downs/Sixth Form Taster Day** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- **Post-16 options evening** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 6:30pm in the Hall
- **Work Experience** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- **Year 10 Practice Interviews** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

## Year 10 Parents' Evening reminder

This will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - [www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y10-Parents-evening-24-5-23.pdf](http://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y10-Parents-evening-24-5-23.pdf) . Booking for this evening is done online, but the event will be in-person.

## Year 10 Examinations reminder

I wrote to you previously about the Year 10 exams - [Y10-Exams-2024-letter-to-parents.pdf](http://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y10-Exams-2024-letter-to-parents.pdf), but I just wanted to mention them again here in case you missed the earlier communication. The revision booklet produced to help prepare for these exams has been shared with both parents/carers and students via and has been emailed home too. This will also be available on our website [Letters - Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College](http://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Y10-Exams-2024-letter-to-parents.pdf).

## Year 10 Careers Events

Students have already experienced a 'Professional Day' on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs McQuiston has used a Careers 'Team' online to keep students up to date too. In preparation for the practice interviews, Year 10 students have been asked to submit their CV to her by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May on that Team. Please encourage your child to do this, if they have not done so already.

Other impending events related to careers/ your child's next stage of their education that we want to make you aware of are as follows:

- **Second Professional Day, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June students will be off timetable for lessons 1 to 4 to take part in sessions relating to careers and their future. During this time, they will be given the opportunity to think about their future career path, learn about financial issues, prepare for the practice interviews and be given further information for the taster day and work experience.

- **Y10 South Downs/Sixth Form Taster Days, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Students will have the opportunity to experience technical/vocational or A Level courses on a Taster day that had been scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June during periods 1-5. Around 100 students have been invited to attend a South Downs College taster and they should have selected their taster choice on the link that was in Teams. The students remaining in school will attend an Oaklands Sixth Form taster event and these also should have selected their A Level taster choice on the link in Teams. If your child has not yet done this please encourage them to do so. Further details, particularly for students attending the trip to South Downs, will be provided nearer the time. Students will not need to wear school uniform for either of these events.

- **Post-16 options evening, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

This event is to provide an opportunity for students and parents to find out about the different options available to students post-16 and to speak to a range of local colleges and apprenticeship providers to find out information. The evening will start at 6:30pm in the Hall.

- **Work experience 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July**

During this week your son/daughter will be on work experience placement that has been arranged by either themselves or the school. Please make sure they are aware of where their placement is, travel arrangements, their working hours, what they need to wear and lunch arrangements. Mrs McQuiston will cover some of this in a preparation session before they go out on placement. They will also be given a booklet to complete during the placement. If your son/daughter is unwell or unable to attend for any reason we ask that you inform the school and employer of any absence. A reminder that there is a £20 charge for this activity, which is subsidised by the school to keep the cost as low as possible. Please pay this if you have yet to do so.

- **Practice interviews 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July**

During Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, all Year 10 students will attend a practice interview, for which they will need to wear smart interview attire or full school uniform as normal. *Students will be expected to bring to the interview their CV prepared as part of their Careers lessons – please see earlier comment about the need for this to be uploaded to the Careers Team.*

For the practice interview students will need to consider their future choices, what they gained from their work experience and prepare for that interview, including researching some information about their chosen career path and preparing questions for their interviewer.

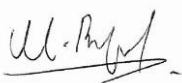
If you have any questions about the Y10 exams, please contact me – [m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org) .

If you have any questions about the Careers events, please contact Mrs McQuiston –

[a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:a.mcquiston@oaklandscatholicschool.org) . Your child can also Teams message either of us too. In addition, I would urge your child to monitor the Careers Team and the OCS-Year20Students Team for messages/instructions from us over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Bamford

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