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Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

A warm hello to you all—it's Ian Housley here, Head of Year 10. I hope this message finds you and your families well. As we approach the end of the term and the academic year, I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of some important changes for Year 10 as we begin preparing them for the challenges of Year 11 and their key exams.

Changes to the Tutor Programme – Effective 22nd June

From Monday 23rd June, we will be introducing a new tutor programme for Year 10. All students will be assigned new tutors who are specialist Science teachers. This change will affect tutor time only. Students have been carefully placed into new tutor groups based on the science course they are studying - Combined or Triple Science - and their current level of attainment.

This change is designed to provide focused revision and targeted intervention in science, helping to maximise progress. This strategy has been successfully implemented with our current Year 11 cohort and has had a positive impact on academic performance. As you may know, Science contributes to two GCSEs for Combined Science students and three GCSEs for those studying Triple Science.

All students have already been informed of their new tutor groups.

Change in Head of Year

Also from 22nd June, Mr Isaac will take over as Head of Year 11. While we understand that change can be unsettling for some students, please be assured that Mr Reed will continue to support the year group in a pastoral capacity throughout Year 11, working closely with Mr Isaac to ensure a smooth transition.

A Note of Thanks

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as Head of Year 10. This year has been full of challenges, achievements, and memorable moments. I still remember our first assembly in September when I told the students it was "Their time to shine" - and shine they certainly have.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you - our parents, carers, and families - for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital in helping our students become the best versions of themselves.

A special thank you also goes to all the staff who have supported Year 10 this year, especially the form tutors and Mr Reed, whose dedication has made a real difference.

Best wishes,



Ian Housley
Head of Year 10