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## Year 10 Spring Newsletter Feb '24

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now reached the halfway point of the school year and our Year 10 students are well and truly in the swing of their GCSEs.

Our house point leaderboard is as competitive as ever, the year group collectively now have 26,061 points. Between the tutor groups, the standings are as follows:

5th	10S	4,326
4th	10ARTS	4,821
3rd	10R	5,065
2nd	10T	5,107
1st	10A	6,742

Well done to 10A who are leading the way with all of the amazing things they are doing.

As we continue to help to prepare the year group for their future careers, we welcomed in a production company who came in to present "Working Wonders". The students watched as the actors and actresses performed a piece that followed the story of a young person who had a certain dream/aim in life, which was their main focus. However, due to unforeseen changes in their life, they had to reconsider their choices and go down a different route. The performance was followed by a workshop where the students spoke about what they had watched, with the key points being around how students can deal with challenges when plans don't work out. They also reinforced the importance of how all qualifications help future-proof careers and aimed to inspire raised aspirations. We will be continuing to work with them, especially looking at how they can open as many different doors in their futures as they can from their present choices.

Our Year 10 students attended their third service at St Peter's Church, led by Rev. Kirsten, Rev. Sarah and Oli Deeks. We looked at the story of Jacob's dream of a ladder between heaven and earth, which 3 students brought to life by acting out. Prayers were written on angels so we can create our very own ladder of prayer. As we reflected on Jacob's realization that, 'Surely God was in the place and I didn't realise it' (Genesis 26:16), the same can be true for us. Rev. Sarah commented on how brilliant the year group were, and are a real credit to the school and our community.

During tutor times, we are having lots of conversations about work experience with students in preparation for Work Experience week which takes place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The initial consent forms have been given to students to complete and return by 19<sup>th</sup> February. Work experience is always a fantastic opportunity for students to get a flavour of a possible chosen career path, or just having the chance to put into practice various key personal skills such as communication, working as part of a team or taking responsibility for a particular role while collaborating with others in the workplace. If there are any



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students still unsure as to how to go about securing a placement, or even where to start, please encourage them to speak to their tutor.

Finally, after months of hard work and rehearsals, this week sees the production of "West Side Story" open for all to see. Congratulations to all involved on another fantastic show, all the hard work really does pay off.

Students will soon be given information about the Duke of Edinburgh Award which will be on offer for them this year. We will also share this information with parents and carers too.

We would like to hear from all parents/carers and get your view on how we can strengthen engagement and communication. If you haven't had a chance to already, we'd really appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete a short survey <https://forms.gle/EMjEGgsoH6SZgimd7>

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break in preparation for the second half of our Spring term.

Kind regards,

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