

27th June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Yr. 10 Summer Term

During July we have a number of in-school activities occurring for Year 10. These events are designed to give our students an insight into different aspects of life. They range from career possibilities, financial responsibilities, teamwork skills and relationship development. Please see below for an overview of each activity.

English Revision Day: Monday 9th July

On the 9th of July there will be a Year 10 revision day for IGCSE English. During the morning students will be involved in workshops, and will then have an early lunch at 12pm. From 12.50pm they will return to their English classroom where they will complete a 2 hour mock exam paper. The IGCSE English Language exams are on 15th and 17th October.

LoveLife: Tuesday 10th July

On Tuesday 10th July all students will take part in a series of sessions delivered by LoveLife focusing on relationships and sexual health. These sessions will be delivered in tutor groups with the aim of raising awareness of the issues surrounding these areas, as well as looking at student self-esteem and self-worth. These sessions are very effective and have proven most beneficial to students in the past. Students will also undertake an anonymous questionnaire before the sessions in order to gauge which topics would be of most benefit. This programme has been approved by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture and the Department of Public Health.

Barclays Life Skills Day: Wednesday 11th July

A team from Barclays Life Skills will be coming in to run three workshops based around areas such as problem solving, creativity and communication, all of which are highly desired by employers.

Information Day: Thursday 12th July

An Information Day for Year 10 students has been organised by PC Griffiths and will have representatives in to run workshops based around the following areas: Anti-Social Behaviour, Income Tax, General Health, Sexual Health, Drugs and the Roads Policing Unit.

Junior Achievement: Friday 13th July

Our work with Junior Achievement continues with a programme entitled "Get a Job" on Friday 13th July. The aim is to give students the opportunity to learn about the recruitment and selection process used by employers and to give them the skills and knowledge they need to find and secure

employment. The programme takes students through every aspect of searching and applying for a job. They will learn how to develop transferable skills, create an on-line CV and understand how to put together a covering letter and application form. Students will also cover how to prepare for an interview and the different types of questions used by employers. The session is delivered by volunteers from local businesses who work with Junior Achievement.

Work Experience Week:

All Year 10 students will be on work experience for 5 days from Monday 16th July to Friday 20th July inclusive. Students have either self-placed or have received an allocation from their www.employed.im shortlist. The information packs have been sent home and placed students will need to make contact with their employer to complete their forms before returning them to school by Monday 2nd July.

GCSE Examination Results:

Cambridge IGCSE results are published on Tuesday 14th August, 2018, and are accessible via a student-specific login that your son/daughter will bring home in the week beginning Monday 9th July. There will be no student counselling or pastoral support available on Tuesday 14th August, though administration support may be accessed by telephoning the school on 648700.

You should note that experience last year indicated it was not always possible to login from abroad. A Virtual Private Network may offer a way around this restriction, but if you know that you will be outside the UK on Tuesday 14th August, you should give details of an email address to which results can be forwarded to the BHS Exams Office before the end of this term. Please note that this email service will only be available after 1pm (GMT +1) on Cambridge results day.

Cambridge results accessed online are itemised by subject and the grade achieved. There is also, however, a numerical mark published alongside the grade. Please note this mark does NOT represent the student's total mark for a subject and should NOT be used to compare with Cambridge's Grade Thresholds that are published on their website. Ballakermeen High School will determine and fund those students whose marks warrant an appeal with Subject Leaders advising students thus affected on their return to school in September. Parents/Carers may request Cambridge remarks once students return to school in September, but are advised that a charge of £43.31 is payable for each exam paper appealed.

All other GCSE results are published on Thursday 23rd August and students will be able to collect their full record of results at school from 12pm.

If you have any questions about any of these sessions please do not hesitate to contact me. Finally, as our days grow ever warmer, may I wish you and your family a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

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