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Ref: RSG/AR

Re: Yr. 10 Summer Term – Penultimate week- Monday 8th to Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

During the penultimate week of term, 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 and teamwork skills to relationship development. Please see below for an overview of each activity.

Last day of regular scheduled lessons: Monday 8th July

This will be Year 10's last day of scheduled lessons.

LoveLife: Tuesday 9th July

On Tuesday 9th 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.

Police Day: Wednesday 10th July

A team from the Isle of Man Constabulary will be in school providing a range of workshops based around the following areas; First Aid, Drugs Awareness, Wellbeing, Sexual Health, Consequences, Roads Policing.

Junior Achievement: Thursday 11th July

Our work with Junior Achievement continues with a programme entitled "Get a Job" on Thursday 11th 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.

Friday 12th July: Core subject drop day.

Year 10 will be attending a double lesson in each of the core faculties; Science, English & Maths. Each session is organised by the faculties.

Work Experience Week:

All Year 10 students will be on work experience for 5 days from Monday 15th July to Friday 19th 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 should have made contact with their employer to complete their forms before returning them to school. Emergency Contact forms must be given to the employers on or before the first day of work experience. All students will be issued with work experience log books and need to take these with them on their placement and complete the diary section each day.

GCSE Examination Results:

Cambridge IGCSE results are published on Tuesday 13th August, 2019, and are accessible via a student-specific login that your son/daughter will bring home in the week beginning Monday 8th July.

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 13th August, your child should complete a Results Day Authorisation Form: these can be obtained from the Exams Office. The BHS Exams Officer will then email results to your son/daughter. 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 review of marking, once students return to school in September, but are advised that a charge of £64 is payable for each exam paper appealed.

If you have any questions regarding examinations please do not hesitate to contact the school's examination officer.

Finally, as our days grow ever warmer, may I wish you and your family a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



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