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BS/hr/Y10 information
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In a few short weeks, Year 11 will be leaving and Year 10 will start their final year with us at St Joseph's College. I wanted to write to express how proud we are of the way in which the year group have completed the first year of their KS4 journey, and the resilience and enthusiasm they have shown towards so many aspects of their time in school. The year 10 mock exams were also successful, and for the most part, students showed maturity in their behaviour and attitude towards their revision and completion of the mocks.

As we move towards year 11, we want to ensure that our school's high standards are continually upheld as 'sweating the small stuff' is key to ensuring that behaviour is of a standard which facilitates success; this will enable our students to achieve the very highest of their potential at GCSE.

We therefore ask for your continued help in ensuring that your child follows school policy, especially regarding uniform standards and home learning. Unfortunately, we are having to deal with an increasing number of students whose are coming to school with dyed hair, makeup, fake tan, nail varnish/ fake nails, and wearing jewellery. As a reminder, no makeup is to be worn at KS4, including no tinted eyebrows, and no fake eye lashes, jewellery can only be a single stud in each ear lobe, and hair must not be highlighted or dyed in any colour. If students arrive at school in makeup we will ask for it to be removed, and if hair is dyed or highlighted then we will be asking students along with their parents to rectify this with immediate effect. All information regarding our uniform expectations can be found on our website and in student planners.

We are also seeing some students falling into poor habits regarding home learning, with it either being incomplete or poorly attempted. In order to be successful at GCSE we do expect around 90 minutes of home-learning/ revision to be completed each night, and home learning set by staff is mandatory for students. Especially at KS4, home learning is thoughtfully set, will facilitate classroom learning and will be relevant for the final GCSE examinations.

St Joseph's College prides itself in the high standards we expect and uphold. We know that these standards ensure that we are one of the very best schools in the area and are one of the reasons why parents choose to send their children to our school.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and again wish to express our thanks for a successful and productive year so far. The students should be proud of themselves.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

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