



Poole High School

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Dear parent/guardian/carer

Re: Year 10 Parent Information Evening

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Year 10 information evening, designed to help both students and parents prepare for the crucial transition to GCSEs. This event is scheduled for **Wednesday 24 September at 6pm** in the school Theatre.

This evening is important because students are now commencing Key Stage 4 study across all their subjects. With GCSE results as the ultimate goal, the stakes are higher, and having a clear grasp of the demands and expectations will help everyone stay on track. Additionally, with less than two years before Year 11 is complete, it is essential to start strong and maintain momentum throughout this crucial stage of learning.

The event will be structured into three informative sections:

- 1. Meet the key staff involved with Year 10**
- 2. How we learn – led by Mrs K Dolman (Director of Teaching and Learning)**
 - How we learn:** an introduction to cognitive load theory and its implications for parents
 - Optimising Learning:** discover the research-driven strategies we use to enhance student learning
 - Independent Learning:** learn how we cultivate skills that enable students to learn independently, a crucial aspect of success at the GCSE level.
- 3. GCSE Religious Studies - led by Mr D Attrill (Director of Intervention)**
 - Religious Studies Progress:** an overview of how Religious Studies, one of the subjects your child is already halfway through, sets the stage for the GCSE experience
 - Syllabus Design:** how our curriculum is crafted to minimise stress and cognitive load, making the learning process more efficient.
 - Year 10 Insights:** what to expect in Year 10, including revision sessions, mock exams, actual exams, and the August official results day.
 - Parental Support:** practical tips on how you can support your child's learning at home.

We believe this event will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of what lies ahead and how to best support your child through the academic year. Your involvement and support are invaluable as we work together to ensure your child's success.

Mrs Phillips, Acting Headteacher, will be available after the event to answer any questions you may have about Year 10 or the school in general.

Yours sincerely

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