



## THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOL

Aspiring & Achieving Together

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Dear Parent or Carer

I have been very impressed with the attitude and work ethic that Year 10 students have shown since the start of the year, specifically during their mock exams and would like to ask for your continued support as we move into your son or daughter's final year in school.

Included in this pack are your son or daughter's latest mock exam results; their total marks for each subject and a copy of the grade boundaries used so that you can see how close they were to reaching the next grade.

You will have an opportunity to meet with your son or daughter's subject teachers on **Thursday 19 September 2019, 4.00pm – 7.00pm**. Further details will be available at the start of the new term but please keep this date free as it is a vital chance to support your son or daughter's education.

As part of this parents' evening you will have a chance to discuss with class teachers the progress that your son or daughter is making in each subject and also receive important tips which could be used to support them prepare for their exams.

Alongside this, teachers will have set a variety of tasks to support your child with their revision and these will become available next academic year.

***We know that when students complete at least 30 mins of revision each night their grades will improve.***

### **Curriculum**

We are passionate that our students should embark on the Y11 examinations as confident, resilient young adults and so have undertaken a review of the number of qualifications they will study. As you are aware your son or daughter will sit a significant number of examinations at the end of the year as part of the reformed GCSEs and will naturally feel pressured.

At this time of year they are also engaging with colleges and investigating exciting opportunities for post 16 education, the majority of which require grade 4 or above in English and Maths. Your son or daughter will also be aware they will need to re-sit these subjects if they fail to secure a grade 4.

With this in mind, and listening to the student voice we have taken the decision to alter the curriculum to give an extra hour to English and Maths. Students will no longer study Citizenship, allowing them to focus on achieving higher grades with their remaining qualifications.

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## **Y11 Prom 2020**

Preparations are already underway for the Year 11 Prom 2020, which will take place on **Friday 19 June 2020** starting at **7.00 pm**. The formal dinner will take place at the conference suite within **Haydock Racecourse**. When we return, students will receive an assembly where we will share the criteria for Prom. In order to secure an invitation to the Prom students must meet the criteria set out below which supports the expected standards at The Westleigh School.

There are 5 half terms between September 2019 and May 2020 and students must meet the criteria for a minimum of 4 of these half terms. Students who do not meet all of the criteria set out will fail that half term period. Any student who fails 2 or more half term periods will unfortunately not receive an invitation to Prom. Parents and students will be advised at the end of each half term whether that period has been passed or failed. Any student who fails to meet the criteria will be invited to meet with senior staff. Senior staff will then outline the steps required to be considered for the Prom. A summary of the actions will be provided to parents.

As we are in the process of finalising arrangements, I am unable to give a definitive cost, but I expect to be able to do this shortly after we return in September as well as payment options.

Finally, I would like to once again thank you for your support this year and I hope that if we can continue to work together to support your son or daughter this will enable them to achieve the results which reflect their great potential.

Yours faithfully

**R FINNEY**  
**Head of Year 10**