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Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly I would like to thank all parents and guardians for their support in the change of uniforms – I have been impressed by how smart the year group has been looking since September. Please can you remind your child/children about the importance of wearing the correct uniform, including appropriate length skirts, natural nails and no hooded jumpers.

This term within SMSC, Year 10 have focused on Mental Health – this has coincided with World Mental Health day Wednesday, 10 October. They have looked at different issues as well as the stigma and stereotypes that people experience, and made recommendations for initiatives and campaigns to raise awareness. This topic is particularly important, as the average age for diagnosis of issues is 14. If you or your child have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the year team.

We have also been fortunate in having a representative from the Amy Winehouse project, who explained the impact of drug and alcohol misuse on a person's life. This work will continue into the next few terms with workshops taking place and an informative presentation at the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 20, November.

The year team have also been focusing on random acts of kindness within the year group, and are pleased to report that since starting back, the year group have been responsible for 243 positive events, with a special mention to 10NU who have the highest form number. This is lovely to see and I hope that this will continue into the next terms.

Some important dates for diaries:

- Y10 Parents' Evening – Tuesday, 20 November
- Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, 4 December
- Last day of term – Friday, 21 December, returning Tuesday, 8 January

I would like to wish all students a relaxing and restful break and look forward to seeing them when they return on Monday 29 October.

Kind Regards



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