

September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 have made an excellent start with us at Appleton Academy, their attitude to learning is strong and they have had a very purposeful beginning to the new school year.

We are now writing to you to provide some key information about this academic year, which will be useful for you in supporting your child. We want to ensure, as you do, that your child makes as much progress as possible with us in school this year.

**Mock Exams**

Towards the end of Year 10, students will sit their first set of mock examinations in school. These are designed to prepare students for their final examinations by providing them and their class teachers with valuable information about any gaps or misconceptions they may have in their understanding of subject material. Teachers will then use this information to inform their teaching and to support your child in closing those gaps. The mocks also provide students with their first experience of the exam process, enabling them to familiarise themselves with this new environment prior to the final examinations at the end of Year 11.

**Please find a list of key dates for Year 10:**

Fri 20 December 2024	Report 1 – Attitude to Learning
Weds 26 February 2025	Families Evening Report 2 – Attitude to Learning and Progress Data
Mon 9 June 2025	Mock Examinations Commence (2 weeks)
Weds 9 July 2025	Report 3 – Attitude to Learning and Progress Data

**Homework**

At Appleton Academy, homework is seen as a valuable way of revising and extending work undertaken in school, discovering information not available in school, involving parents and carers in their children's studies and of developing the self-discipline essential for good habits of study.

- Students should spend 30 - 45 minutes on each subject's homework.
- A variety of homework tasks will be set including written work, research, revision, project work and preparation for future study.
- Students have a journal this year in which they can record their homework to ensure they do not forget to do this.
- To make good progress in their learning it is essential that students complete homework to the best of their ability. Please talk to your child about their homework and support them in organising themselves to ensure homework is handed in on time.
- If students need support with homework, please encourage them to talk to their subject teacher.
- We value the importance of homework in consolidating your child's learning but it can

become unmanageable for teachers to chase students who were set homework and choose not to do it. If your child fails to complete three consecutive pieces of homework, we will presume you do not wish your child to continue to complete homework and staff will no longer inform you or issue a sanction to your child should they not complete it.

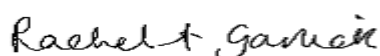
- If you have concerns about homework, you should refer these in the first instance to the subject teacher.

Please find details below of the homework that will be set for each subject this year:

Subject	Task Type	Frequency
English	Reading (30 minutes a week recorded in journals)	Weekly
Maths	Online - Sparx maths	Weekly - set on a Wednesday
Science	Work to be set online	Weekly
History	Summary notes revision for the Check 15	Weekly
Geography	Exam question grids	3-4 per unit of study
Spanish	GCSE revision topics given in class	1 x weekly
Music	Instrumental practice. Research about chosen topic.	1x weekly
Drama	Rehearsing scenes and lines. Research about chosen topic.	1x weekly
iMedia / ICT	iMedia/ ICT - Online: completion / extension of lessons on Teams	Weekly
DT, art and photography	Primary source research	Fortnightly
Hospitality & catering	Revision of task 1a and task 1b (nutrients and effects of cooking)	Fortnightly
Health and Social Care, BTEC Sport and Child Development	Extended lesson tasks and practice questions for PSA.	1x half term

Through all of us working together, we know that your children, our students, will have a positive year and will make the progress that their hard work deserves. Please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



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