

September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 have made an excellent and purposeful start to the year with us at Appleton Academy, demonstrating a strong attitude to learning.

We are writing to you with 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 this year with us in school.

### Mock Examinations

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 their gaps in understanding and any misconceptions they may have. Teachers will then use this to inform their teaching and to support your child in plugging those gaps. They 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 below a list of key dates for Year 10:

Week beginning 24 November 2025	Report 1 – Attitude to Learning
Week beginning 2 March 2026	Report 2 – Attitude to Learning and Progress Data
Weds 4 March 2026	Families' Evening
Commencing Mon 1 June 2026	Mock Examinations
Week beginning 13 July 2026	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. It is also a way for students to discover information that might not be available in school, of involving parents and carers in their children's studies and of developing the self-discipline essential for good study habits.

- 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 work
- Students have a journal this year, which is slightly different from the planners they have previously had, they are able to record homework in these so they do not forget to complete 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 their time to ensure this is handed in on time
- If students need support with homework, please encourage them to talk to their subject teacher
- Whilst we value the importance of homework in consolidating or extending your child's learning, it can become an unmanageable task for teachers to chase students who were set homework and choose not to do it. Therefore, if your child fails to complete three consecutive pieces of homework, we will presume that 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 to the subject teacher in the first instance

Please find the subject homework plan for this year below:

Subject	Task Type	Frequency
English	GCSEPOD	Once a week
Maths	Past paper or GCSEPod	Once a week
Science	GCSE POD	Once a week
History	GCSE Pod/ practice questions	Once a week
Geography	GCSE POD and homework sheet	One per week
Spanish	SentenceBuilders.com and worksheet	Fortnightly
Music	Listening log/Task Completion and Preparation for controlled assessment	Fortnightly
Drama	Task Completion and Preparation for controlled assessment	Fortnightly
iMedia / ICT	Completion of Class Notebook lessons in prep phase of CW units	Fortnightly
Computer Science	Programming - sololearn.com Theory - GCSEPOD	Once a week
DT, art and photography	Worksheets and tasks set	Fortnightly
Hospitality & catering	Worksheets and tasks set	Fortnightly
Health and Social Care, BTEC Sport and Child Development	Department Tasks set on Arbor	Once a week

Specific homework plans for each half term can also be found in the Year 10 section of the Academy website here: <https://appletonacademy.co.uk/secondary/year-10/> You will also find other letters and information about Year 10 in this section of the website, while whole school letters and information can be found via the website homepage.

Through all of us working together, we know that your children, our students, will have a positive year and will make the progress their hard work deserves. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) in the first instance and a member of staff will be in touch to discuss these.

Yours faithfully

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