

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

Y10 'Learning at Heanor Gate' evening - *Wednesday 14 September 2016 - Main School Hall, 6-6:45pm*

It is with great pleasure that I write to you, welcoming your son/daughter into Year 10. I am pleased to report that the students have knuckled down well for the new term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support which is so crucial in allowing this to happen. We all know how vital the GCSE years are to your child's future and we know you would like to do everything you can to help them. As a result the school is looking forward to seeing you this **Wednesday, 14 September**.

It is proven that parental involvement has a significant impact on GCSE grades, this being so, we want to offer you as parents/carers, support and advice about how you can help guide your child through their GCSEs. With the government's educational reform, GCSE courses have never been more demanding. It is therefore crucial that all parents and students have a full overview of the year with recommendations and advice.

Following the success of the GCSE results this year we are anticipating another extremely successful year academically and I am privileged to join the school at such an exciting time.

As a brief overview of the evening we will cover:

- HGSC vision
- Overview of Achievement Team support/contact details
- Time line and overview of the year
- Expectations of HGSC, the students and the parents/carers
- Making informed and responsible choices
- Year 10 enrichment opportunities
- Details of your child's upcoming arrangements for work experience planning
- 'Show My Homework' - the school's new interactive study planner

I appreciate we are only very early on in the academic year, but the collaboration between school and home has never been more important. By working in partnership, your children can be supported to achieve their absolute potential. If you have any queries or concerns over the evening then please contact your son/daughter's personal tutor.

I look forward to meeting you next week.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Phillips
Year 10 Achievement Leader