



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

19 September 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

As your child begins Year 10, I write to let you know about key dates and plans for this vital period of their education.

You may already be aware that all GCSEs are now linear, meaning that students will only take public exams at the end of Year 11. This is different from previous years where students have had opportunity to take modular exams in year 10 and 11. Students may still have to complete Controlled Assessment (a type of coursework completed in the classroom under supervised conditions) in many of their GCSE subjects. In some cases this Controlled Assessment will start in Year 10 although the exact timing and the number will depend upon which subjects a student takes. A timetable outlining the provisional timings of controlled assessment will be available on the school website (in the 'Learning and Progress' section) as the new term gets underway.

Each of our students will be given a forecast grade and an equivalent target number, (for the newly assessed courses), to be clearly recorded in their planner, which gives an indication of the grade we would expect that student to achieve in their GCSEs. The purpose of this is to allow students, parents and teachers to judge progress in a way that is appropriate for individual students. Students will be informed of their forecast grade and this will be included on the first progress review.

The school will send home projected grades as part of a Progress Review on **10th November**, prior to a formal Parents' Evening on **15th November**. Full Reports will be sent home **on 30th March**, and there will be a further progress review on **Monday 12th July**.

To help students cope with the challenges of linear assessment, there will be Year 10 examinations in the summer term (**week beginning 5th June, scheduled over two weeks**) which will introduce the students to the challenges of revising large amounts of work from a range of subjects at the same time. In addition, the school will be organising space in the school calendar for a formal mock exam in the winter term of Year 11. These exams will be taken in the exam hall under formal conditions to give students an experience that is as close to their real public exams as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Mr Beer (Deputy Head i/c Curriculum) if you have any questions about the arrangements for Year 10. We look forward to a productive and successful year.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher: Mr J Wood

St. Aidan's Church of England High School, Oatlands Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 8JR
Tel: 01423 885814 • Fax: 01423 884327 • Email: admin@staidans.co.uk • www.staidans.co.uk



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

P Alker
Head of Year 10

Headteacher: Mr J Wood

St. Aidan's Church of England High School, Oatlands Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 8JR

Tel: 01423 885814 • Fax: 01423 884327 • Email: admin@staidans.co.uk • www.staidans.co.uk