

Our final newsletter of the academic year gives us a chance to celebrate the successful year that our Year 10 students have had. Their attitude and behaviour within lessons has been fantastic and this is reflected in their most recent mock exams, which they sat in the Sports Hall. The dedication that students have shown; through the outstanding attitude to learning . The Year 10 cohort have matured into students who are dedicated to succeed and I am excited to see what Year 11 holds for them. I would personally like to say a huge thank you to all our students, families and staff, particularly in the Year 10 team, for the hard work and support this year. It gives me great pleasure to share some of our key highlights from this term below.

Mock exams and summer reports

As mentioned above, we have been delighted with the efforts of Year 10 students in their recent mock exams. It was incredible to see their determination to succeed, as evidenced by the conduct and positive attitude Students have started to receive their marked mock exam papers from their subject teachers. On Thursday 17th July we gave out the final progress reports of the academic year, including for the first time, predicted GCSE grades. These reports will also be available electronically, with families able to view their child's performance using the My Child At School (MCAS) app and looking under the 'Reports' section. We would advise and encourage you to sit down as a family and to first discuss the areas of positivity, but then to look at which areas could be improved. We will have a celebration lunch for the Year 10 students who have displayed an outstanding attitude to learning, as recognised by all of their teachers. We look forward to running this in the first week of September.

Sport - piece from Josh Fuller (Head of PE)

Food and catering

Brandon (10LOR) - making pasta



Alfie (10SWN) - making chicken curry



Teagan (10TF) - making pizza



Lilly (10LOR) - making chicken curry



During our final term in GCSE food, Year 10 students have been practicing their advanced cooking skills and presentation techniques to prepare for their practical exam next year. Year 10s have worked hard to enhance their knife skills through precision in cutting, and presenting dishes.

Year 10 students carried out a mock NEA replicating the work they will have to complete as part of their GCSE next year. Students were tasked with designing a meal for a restaurant showcasing international cuisine. Alongside extensive research and planning, students carried out a practical exam and made a range of dishes independently, from scratch. The level of skill and the sophisticated presentation of dishes was incredibly impressive. Dishes looked, smelt and tasted fantastic and the year 10 students showed huge amounts of focus and dedication throughout the exam and in the weeks leading up to it. A huge well done on a fabulous effort.

Tutor group of the term

It has been absolutely fantastic to recognise some of the achievements this year within Year 10 tutor groups. Students are allocated points based upon attendance, home learning completion, record of concerns and achievement points. The first half term saw 10DBL finishing top of the table – a tutor group who has consistently had a high number of achievement points in the first term of Year 10. It was a pleasure watching them celebrate with some pizza as acknowledgment of their efforts. In the second half of the term we watched 10ERD take first place in the league table, being the last winners of Year 10. A big well done to both tutor groups, they have come such a long way since September 2023. Truly well deserved.

Students of the term

We were delighted to award Felicity Wicksteed (10LOR) the Autumn term student of the term. Felicity is an outstanding student who demonstrates exemplary behaviour on a daily basis and is a fantastic role model for others. During the recent hugely successful Christmas fair and Geography coursework trip to Stratford, East London, her behaviour reflected how Felicity is as a student - she was always helpful, shows initiative, she is kind and always considerate of others. She is always

willing to be a support for others which makes her a truly amazing student. Well done Felicity, keep aiming to be the best you can be!

The Spring term student of the term was awarded to Sarah Chan (10DBL). Sarah is a thoroughly committed student although has achieved well in recent performance assessments, what is impressive is her consistent effort and positive attitude to school each day. Sarah does not seek acclaim or reward but she definitely deserves to be recognised for her efforts and success. Well done Sarah!

Student council

Student Council have discussed a variety of topics this year that they feel have been most important to the year group. We have met to think about ways in which we can help in the community and raise some money for charity, as well as thinking of additional charities we could work with. They have streamlined the feedback process, taking and uploading minutes and actions from our meetings to FROG for everyone to access. The Year 10 student council were recently involved in the school's volunteering week where they all took to the streets around the school and helped to tidy up any litter that was left in the local community (see image below). The students were amazing and were a great example to all students at Greenshaw as community ambassadors.



The Year 10 student council also recently led a bake sale to raise money for the Paul Allen Project with the aim of preventing deaths in the UK by cardiac arrest and raising awareness of the signs of a cardiac arrest. (See image below)



Alongside our regular meetings, a few of our representatives have also been a part of the Whole School Council and Borough Council, who have discussed several important matters such as online safety and the PSHE curriculum as well . We look forward to seeing how the Council continues to develop, with an agenda already being prepared for the start of next year. - well done everyone!

Final thanks....

I wanted to take this opportunity in the final newsletter of Year 10 to thank all families for your continued support of your child(ren) throughout the course of the school year. As the students are now fast approaching Year 11, their last year of GCSEs, it is now more and more evident that this is now the time when the hard work and dedication that they are applying to their studies will all pay off. This is largely driven by the guidance from their parents or carers at home and the students' successes and achievements is as a direct result of your continued patience and support which we are thankful for.

On behalf of the fantastic team of Year 10 tutors, Mrs Elcome and I, I would like to wish you all a safe, pleasant and relaxing summer.

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Head of Year 10

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