

Tavistock COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Sincere thanks for all the work you are putting in to ensure a smooth start to year eleven. The students are working hard and are showing a true determination to succeed at their GCSE exams. Thank you for continuing to keep uniform correct. It is vital that students are not wasting time having conversations about incorrect uniform, but are focusing on their studies. The best way for this to happen is for uniform to be correct.

At the end of the exams as is traditional, we will celebrate students' efforts. With this in mind we are beginning to plan the end of year celebrations, where the students can have chance to mark the end of their key stage four education and look forward to progressing into the sixth form. Details for the celebrations will be with you before Christmas. We will set up a payment system whereby individual items such as hoodies, if wanted, can be purchased through instalment payments over the course of the remainder of the academic year.

I have previously sent key dates for this year, but they are republished below. The parents evenings and success evenings are vital means of supporting your child through year eleven. The more you can talk to us, and us to you, the more secure an understanding we all have about the needs of your child as they navigate this crucial year. Do feel free to email or telephone your child's tutor, head of faculty or me if you need clarification about anything, ideas about how you can also offer constructive support. I look forward to seeing all parents at the parents consultation evenings.

Parents evenings for Year 11 are on; 17th October 2019 and 16th January 2020.

<u>Year 11 success evening</u> - how to help parents, help the students, to revise and memorise/retrieve vital learning for the exams - **26th March 2020**. Attendance at the 'success evening' plays a vital role in helping the students through exams and helps in the success of them too. If you can attend, that would be much appreciated by all parties.

Celebrations

30th June 2020; Graduation service and 2nd June 2020; Prom

The usual after school revision sessions will be starting shortly. I know some subjects are already revising their learning in the class, with many subjects following suit soon. The availability of substantive revision time is one of the advantages of the three year GCSE. Heads of Faculty will be letting you know when the revision sessions are starting. Some of them will be by invitation, some will be open to all. Please do contact the relevant Head(s) of Faculty or see teachers at parents evening for more details.

I look forward to seeing you at the events outlined above.

Kind Regards

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