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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 are in the process of undertaking an extremely academically challenging year. This year will make many demands on students with GCSE exams as well as lessons, revision, extra-curricular sessions and the day to day trials of being a teenager. Year 10 students will be sitting their GCSE exams early in English and Maths this year ahead of government changes to the exam format in these subjects. They will also be sitting their option D subject at the end of the year. This could potentially see them having 3 GCSE qualifications by the end of the summer 2016. The students will then continue on to study for the new versions of English and Maths GCSE in Year 11.

In order to support in making the year a success, it is our strong belief that a secure partnership between student, parent and school needs to be in place. The school's new prospectus states "At Park we will be at your child's side every step of the way, guiding them as their character develops and as they make their own discoveries about what they love." As part of this process we have arranged a series of events to support our students through Year 10 and beyond.

I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to the first of these on **Tuesday 29 September at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start**. Buffet style refreshments will be available from 5.30pm. The motivational and inspirational talk, from our special guest Jim Roberson, will begin at 6.00pm. This evening will cover how we hope to support our students in being successful this year. There will also be an opportunity to meet or talk with Year 10 teachers.

This evening will provide the springboard, following the recent mock exams, to highlight the path to success and what can be done by students, parents and staff, working together to achieve success for all.

I look forward to seeing you at the event on Tuesday 29 September. Should you have any questions prior to the night please do not hesitate to get in touch either by calling me at school on extension 211 or by email to s.cavanagh@pcs.hants.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Stuart Cavanagh
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