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## Re. Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

The summer holidays are upon us. Year 10 have had an extremely busy and productive year. They have all completed their English Literature GCSE exam and have just returned from their 2-week work experience. Without a doubt it is important that students take the time to rest and recover during their summer break. They should try and find the time to experience the best that summer can offer, getting out and seeing something new or interesting.

In between taking this time out it is also massively advantageous for students to begin some revision and extra study ahead of year 11. All students have been given access to GCSEPod and many used this to great effect prior to their end of year exams and GCSE's this summer. I have spoken with the students during assembly time and stressed the importance of getting an early start on year 11 and the need to focus for success.

Each department has been asked to create a playlist for students on GCSEPod to access during the holiday period. Students have been shown that watching these and taking notes or setting themselves questions can be a great aide for recall during exams. Year 10 have also been given a 'Summer Reading Challenge' from the English department which breaks down their revision for them.

I would like to ask for your support with encouraging and supporting students in accessing these materials over the summer holidays. If you should have any questions or queries regarding this or any other concerns then please do not hesitate to get in touch

Yours faithfully

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