



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: RLP/TA

September 2025

Year 10 – The New Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to a new term and I hope you had a good break over the summer.

Key dates:

25 September 2025 – Open Evening (half day close)

26 September 2025 – INSET day

14 November 2025 – Non uniform day

05 December 2025 – Data Point.

(for info: Year 10 Parents' Evening - 24 March 2026)

This term in **PSHE** we are focussing on Health and Wellbeing. Topics will explore teenage pregnancy and parenting; alcohol; vaping; cosmetic surgery and body dysmorphia. We hope to be hosting some outside speakers to discuss issues surrounding Risky Behaviour and STIs. We are also pleased to announce that LincsHigher will be coming in for a session to deliver ideas, tips and good practices for revision. I hope the students will find these sessions really useful.

Emerging issues - Last year, we had a number of issues arise in school that stemmed from online activity, both large group chats on WhatsApp and snapchat and also on TikTok. Please check your child's phone regularly and monitor what they are doing as they do not always make the right choices. If you see anything online which you think requires reporting to the Police or the specific app platform then please do so.

Equipment - Please can you ensure your child is well equipped with stationery and a suitable school bag. Issues last year were largely centred around not having the correct equipment and not completing homework. As parents you should have access to the Firefly app where you can check what homework is set. Please also note that students who were previously allocated core subject homework only are now expected to complete all subject homework for GCSEs. If you have any concerns about this, please contact Mrs King, SENCO.

Uniform – Returning to school has revealed a lot of new piercings and the wearing of false eyelashes. For clarity, translucent nose studs are not permitted either. Please refer to the Uniform policy and the information given last Tuesday at the Head of Year Information Evening. Can you please ensure your child does not have trainers on. This includes Nike Air Force Ones and Adidas who do market their shoes as 'school shoes' but they are hybrid trainers.

In order to create a sense of community within the year group I have planned an inter-form Big Christmas Quiz during the last PSHE lesson and we hope to organise a social evening before the end of Term 2. More information to follow.

Thank you for your support, and to reiterate my sentiments expressed at the Information Evening: we have shared goals, and I look forward to working collaboratively with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Parry
Head of Year 10