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RE: END OF YEAR 10

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of Year 10 is a turning point for your sons and daughters and a good opportunity to highlight some recent successes and to look ahead to next year.

### **Academic achievement**

Recent weeks have been about preparing our students for their end of year exams. In some cases this has been their (I)GCSE exams but in most cases these have been internal exams based on previous (I)GCSE exam papers. The purpose of these exams is to offer the students the same experience they will receive at this time next year and so I am very pleased to report that exams were approached in a mature manner by all of our students. They have studied hard and have put themselves in a good position for next year's final papers. In this tracker you will receive the percentages achieved by your son or daughter in each exam. These are a good indicator of their potential achievements at (I)GCSE as well as giving a clear indication about the revision that will be needed for future exams.

With (I)GCSE's in mind I wish to remind students that they are only halfway through the course and in order to improve their chances of success in next summer's exams it is vital they spend some time over the holiday reviewing their notes and improving any coursework they still need to submit.

### **Success outside of the classroom**

Work experience has been a major feature of this term's activities. Ms Cavanagh took the reins of organising placements for our 99 students and it was great to receive such positive feedback from both the students and the hosting companies. I know they have made the most of this unique opportunity as many of the hosting companies have offered to take Year 10 students from next year's cohort based on the performances of the students visiting them this year.

In addition a large number of students completed their International Award Bronze expedition which involved a weekend of walking and camping. This was undertaken under difficult conditions, so I offer my congratulations to those who completed the award.



Finally, our mathematicians have continued to blaze a trail of success with a number of students performing extremely well in the American Scholastic Maths Association, the UK Math Challenge, the Math Olympiad and the Shanghai Mathletics competition. We also had continued success in music with a number of students gaining ABRSM certificates.

### **A look ahead**

Next year is an extremely important year for the present Year 10 students. I will be hosting the annual Succeeding at (I)GCSE information evening on Thursday 4 September, which will help parents whose children will be undertaking (I)GCSE exams. More details will be available in next year's calendar.

If you have any questions about the tracker or your son or daughter's progress, please direct your enquiries to me ([p-kelly@bisspuxi.com](mailto:p-kelly@bisspuxi.com))

With best wishes,

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