



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to Year 10

This letter aims to provide you with an overview of year 10 in order for you to have an understanding of the curriculum, pastoral work and key dates for the year. You will be provided with further details of any specific events nearer to the time.

Pastoral overview

Given the fact that all year 10 students will be completing a week long work experience during this academic year, there will continue to be a large emphasis on employability skills. Through PSHCE lessons and tutor time, your child will construct and develop their CV and independently research and source a relevant work experience placement. Students will be developing their employability skills across all subjects this year, equipping them with valuable knowledge and expertise for employment after education.

At Nottingham Free School we have five Attitude to Learning descriptors which all students are working towards; these are 'willing to learn, reflective, determined, resilient and self-motivated'. Students can demonstrate outstanding attitudes in class by being focused, paying attention at all times, producing high quality written work, setting themselves goals to achieve, not giving up and reflecting upon their work and actions in the classroom. As a year group, we will be particularly focusing on demonstrating the characteristics of 'willing to learn' and 'reflective'. These characteristics are vital when aiming to have an outstanding attitude to learning.

The following table gives a list of the year 10 pastoral team. Please make contact with your child's tutor if you have any questions or concerns that relate directly to the welfare or progress of your child. If they are unable to assist you in your query, they will pass it on to the head of year. For any general or attendance queries please continue to use the contact@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk email or phone the main school reception. Our office hours are Monday and Tuesday 7.30am – 5pm, Wednesday and Thursday 7.30am – 4pm and Friday 7.30am – 3pm.

Mrs K. Gray is the senior leader who oversees all pastoral work for year 10, and Mr J. Tomasevic is the senior leader linked to the curriculum and achievement of this year group.

| Role | Name | Contact details |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Head of Year | Miss S Cockayne | scockayne@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |
| Achievement coordinator | Mrs D Machan | dmachan@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |
| Tutor of 10.1 | Mrs A Clarke/Ms J Carter | ac Clarke@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk jcarter@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |
| Tutor of 10.2 | Mr M Hurst | mahurst@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |
| Tutor of 10.3 | Ms N Hamer-Weston | nhamer-weston@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |
| Tutor of 10.4 | Miss C Radford | cradford@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk |

All students spend the first 20 minutes of each day with their tutor; the table shows the overview of the activities undertaken during this time.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|----------|--|
| Positives and Negatives Attendance Planner signing | Active tutoring | Just Maths/ Employability | Assembly | Quiz/Literacy/Current Affairs/Tune of the week |

This year your child will develop their understanding of the following topics through our active tutoring programme:

- Careers
- Anti-bullying
- Equality
- Mental Health
- Assessment preparation
- Plastic Pollution
- Current Affairs
- Employability
- Attitude to Learning
- Literacy/Numeracy

Curriculum

Year 10 sees our pupils learn a high proportion of the knowledge and skills needed for each GCSE subject across their curriculum. Given the large amounts of learning that happen in this school year, students need to consistently display an excellent attitude to learning and complete all set homework. It is essential that all pupils practise applying their prior learning by fully utilising in-school study sessions, whilst continuing to enjoy the varied enrichment curriculum that we offer. Please refer to the attached year overview for a more detailed summary of the Year 10 curriculum. There are also knowledge organisers and further details available on the website.

In year 10, students remain in sets for English, maths and science with other subjects being largely mixed ability. All pupils are challenged and supported in equal measure so that they maximise their potential by the end of year 11. We decide which set a pupil is placed in by using their formal assessment data as well as knowledge of their classwork. We regularly review the settings and make decisions to move pupils when necessary.

Key Dates

The table below shows the key dates for this year group. All key dates can be seen on the school website under the information tab and further events may be added during the course of the year.

| Date | Event |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 04 December 2019 | Year 10 Trip to York |
| 10 December 2019 | Trip to watch the Pantomime |
| 13 December 2019 | Achievement Assembly |
| 12 February 2020 | Tutor Review Day |
| 03 April 2020 | Achievement Assembly |
| 29 April 2020 | Year 10 Parents evening |
| w/c 11 May 2020 | Work experience |
| 25 May 2020 | Reward non-uniform day |
| 14 July 2020 | Achievement Assembly |

We hope that you find this information useful and please do refer to the school website for further general information, the email address contact@nottinghamfreeschool.co.uk to contact the school office or your child's tutor (as above) for individual queries.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Brown
Head of School

Mrs K. Gray
Senior leader – pastoral

Mr J. Tomasevic
Senior leader

Miss S. Cockayne
Head of Year