

Year 10 Newsletter

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Welcome

Firstly, well done to all students on how they have started Year 10. Their focus, maturity and effort have on the whole been exemplary.

This has been very much reflected in their approach to recent Tracking assessments. Once again, students impressed, in particular with the lengths they went to in preparing revision materials.

As always, I always welcome the opportunity to work all parents and carers. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, issues or concerns at leon.tootle@thesuttonacademy.org.uk

Mr Tootle

Mrs Bibby



Achievement
Leader



Head of Year



Miss Keenan
KS4
Head of Year

Achievement

Well done to students with highest total of Grade 1s so far this year! Winners by each form this year are.

10 S Riley B
10 U Cohen W
10 T Ryan S
10 O Lucia B
10 N Isabella T
10A Chloe D
10 C Ben W
10 D Libby W
10 M Tyler L
10 G Myles B



WINNER



Student of the Month
- September

Congratulations!

Ryan S

Curriculum Spotlight

Year 10 students will be completing GCSEs in both English Language and English Literature next summer.

Last half-term students completed a unit introducing them to the Unseen Poetry question which features in English Literature exam (Paper 2). Students have also begun studying the reading section of English Language (Paper 1).

This half-term, students are studying A Christmas Carol. Ms. Johnson has made it clear, ideally students could watch a version of the story at home; there should be options available on Netflix or Amazon Prime. A holiday season treat!

Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities remains student attendance. A key message that is shared with students is *"better attendance leads to better academic outcomes"* and this is the key driver over the next two years. As a Year team we take a *"support first"* approach to ensuring attendance rates remain high and we ask Parents and Carers to contact us as soon as you feel you need further advice and support.

Year 10 remain one of the highest attending Year groups in the academy and it was our pleasure to reward all of those students in attendance on the final day of the first half term.

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Assessment Focus

Tracking 1 reports will be circulated later this month. As always parents are very welcome to contact myself with any queries or clarification.

Tracking 2 is scheduled for February 2025.

Revision should be on-going throughout academic year for students. It really is key students remain aware of this and do their very best to ensure revision remains an on-going process-throughout academic year.



Reading Spotlight

From September two Ready to Learn sessions each week will be devoted to Reading.

Students in Years 10 will have the opportunity to read and enjoy a range of non-fiction articles on a wide range of subjects.

After Christmas Year 10 will be choosing a novel to read. Mr Lovelady will be organising a mock election so students views and choices are fully reflected in choice of reading.



Home Learning Focus

Home learning tasks continue to be set on ClassCharts. Support from parents and carers is always hugely appreciated and valued in this area. Log-in codes are available at request from myself. Computers remain available for students to complete their homework during break, lunch and after school until 3.40pm. These are available in E-Block and students' use is always encouraged. Many home learning tasks are designed to feed into the following sequence of lessons, so it is paramount that students hand their home learning task in on time.

Recent research from Educational Endowment Foundation has highlighted regular completion of home learning as a 'high impact strategy' to help ensure student success. We remain committed to ensuring we support students in their successful completion of this.

Trips and Events

Last term we welcomed visitors from Jaguar Land Rover, BBC and National Museums Liverpool for an event in the Art Centre. This provided Year 10 students with a range of insights into a variety of different careers in design, broadcasting and journalism.

The students impressed with their enthusiasm and engagement. They really did take advantage of what was a fantastic opportunity to think about future careers and opportunities and how to access these.

Aspirations

I am working with Mrs. Sidhu to organise a trip for all members of year group to Liverpool Hope University.

This promises to be a fantastic event in which student will have a day exposed to life on campus, current students' lecturers and university life.

More details will be following on details of this trip in coming weeks.



Any questions please contact me:



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