Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Year 10 Students

Congratulations on completing your first term as year 10 students. This has been a fantastic first term for the majority of you in the year group and we want to recognise all of your achievements.

So here we go.....

- Well done to the year 10 Btec Sports Leadership group who successfully lead the Primary School training day
- Congratulations to all students who have represented Brakenhale in a range of Sporting fixtures rugby, badminton, netball, football
- Well done to those who have performed in the music show and variety performance show
- A special mention to the house and vice captains who successfully made it through the application and interview stages to represent each house
- In addition to this well done to Hannah, Miriam and Emily who successfully achieved Young Ambassadors Award
- Well done to all the tutees of the half term, you have all gone above and beyond each day in school to warrant this award
- For those of you who have signed up to Duke of Edinburgh well done on persevering with a very worthwhile award
- Well done on your first R.S PPE, this is great practice for the real thing!!
- Outstanding commendation to the drama students who received their Level 1 award
- Congratulations to everyone who has achieved subject specific commendations during their house assemblies
- Well done to the students who have created and sold baked goods for Children in Need

All of these achievements make you stand out as outstanding year 10 students, not only does this set you ahead of people now it also positively contributes to your journey after school is over. For those of you who are still yet to achieve something it is never too late! Sign up for the extra-curricular clubs we offer, put yourself out there in house competitions, boost your attendance to 100%, achieve the highest amount of house points for your tutor group. All of this links in perfectly to your PSHE lesson on resilience. You can do anything you put your mind to' - true grit will always win. All we ask is that you leave each school day knowing that you worked hard. Unfortunately there will be knockbacks along the way but use this to make you a stronger and more determined individual. We are all here to support you, so do not be afraid to ask for help along the way. See that end goal and go for it!!!!

Our theme of congratulations continues with your attendance. Although some tutor groups have dipped below 95% from time to time the majority of you maintain your 100% attendance streak. As we finish our final week 10E maintain their position on the top of the leaderboard with 97.5%, closely followed by 10B with 96.4% - the only 2 tutor groups with 95+ attendance.

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As much as the Christmas break is about time away from school, it is also important to not fall behind on homework. Check Show My Homework, check your planner, ask your friends. Do not leave it until the last minute!

A quick update on house points:

Temple	7318
Swinley	8112
Jennets	8027
Farley	7600

We wish you all a safe and restful 2 weeks off. This is a great time to be with friends and family and help those in need, be proud of what you have achieved in your first term as a year 10 student and aim to go onwards and upwards.

2018 will be a great year if you put your mind to it! We look forward to seeing you all on 3rd January.

Kind regards

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Key Dates

Date	Event
3rd January	First day back
3rd January	Main hall assembly
10th January	PSHE p.3

Week commencing — 1st January 2018

	Tutor	Notices	Lunchtime	After school clubs and fixtures
Monday		SCHOOL CLOSED		
Tuesday		SCHOOL CLOSED		
Wednesday	MAIN HALL ASSEMBLY	REMEMBER YOUR PE KIT!	Guitar & Ukulele group LS1	Homework club - LRC
				Table Tennis Club Girls Football Club
				STEM club – Miss Metcalf
Thursday	Inter-house quiz			Homework club - LRC
				Trampolining Club Badminton Club
				Art club – A02 EAL Young interpreters club – Connexions room
				Terranova boys dance company
Friday	ICT rooms	Tutor meeting at 8.35 in B13	Band practice LS1	GCSE + Btec Sport revision and catch up
	Show My Homework Pixl Lit Get Revising			