



## Joseph Swan Academy

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of Year 10 who recently sat their external GCSE English Literature exam. Not only did all of Year 10 sit their Literature exam but there were also cohorts of students taking external exams in Business, Travel and Tourism and Hospitality this half-term. I am very proud of how hard they have worked.

The students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award are very focused and attended a Workshop over the Easter holidays to develop their skills ready for the Bronze Expedition. Letters have been issued with the dates of both the Practise Expedition and their Assessed Expedition these are also outlined below in the key date's section. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Turnbull if you require any further information.

Our first week back after Easter was our 'Be Kind' week and we extended our messages of kindness out into the community. Some of our Year 10 Anti Bullying Champions visited primary schools whilst some others visited the local area giving out flowers to the general public with hand written kindness messages from the Academy.

Over the course of this half-term we have also ran an inter-form giant Connect4 competition. All of the students involved played fantastically and the winner for Year 10 was Charlie McKenna, who never lost a match. He went on to battle it out with the Champions from each of the other year groups.

We have reached the time in Year 10 when students are starting to collect Prom Points. This is a fresh start for all students and the points that students receive from May half-term this year will contribute to their Prom Points total in Year 11. In order to attend the prom, students are required to reach a points target and also have an attendance of at least 95%. The date and location of the 2018 Prom will be revealed to the students next Academic Year.

Our Year 10 Progress Evening will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Students will be given appointment letters prior to the event. This is a great opportunity for you to find out how your son/daughter has progressed in Year 10 and to discuss targets for the year ahead.

Some key dates to inform you about are:

11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> June / 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Duke of Edinburgh Group 1
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> June / 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Duke of Edinburgh Group 2
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 10 Progress evening

This has certainly been another enjoyable and busy half-term for Year 10, thank you for your on-going and valued support and please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Forster if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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