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Dear Parent/Carer

The summer holidays may only last a few weeks, but our students seem to change dramatically from July to September. They're taller, of course, but this year I've also seen a real change in their outlook. Having chosen their option subjects, and left some others behind, there's a sense that they've taken ownership of their learning in a way we don't see in Key Stage 3.

I hope that they are all enjoying their option subjects and are finding the experience rewarding. We try to be as flexible as possible, but at this point we do ask that students do not request to switch option subjects unless in exceptional circumstances.

Good attendance continues to be one of the key factors in enabling students to complete all of the work for their GCSE and Vocational qualifications. There is little time to waste during the next five terms. Should your child be absent from lessons it is their responsibility to catch up with any missed work and to talk to teachers if they do not understand any of the work. I would urge you to encourage your child to do this to ensure that they do not fall behind. Please ensure that they are using Google Classroom and ClassCharts to keep up to date with the work being set. Any questions please let me know - or alternatively you can contact their subject teacher.

Academic issues aside, the Year 10 tutors and I will be encouraging students to take the opportunity to become involved with all aspects of school life and extra-curricular activities. It is so important that they are involved with activities outside of the classroom to promote a good sense of wellbeing and to develop other skills. All sports, music and drama clubs are re-starting this term and it would be great to see lots of Year 10s getting involved.

We will continue to reward our students for their behaviour and effort, and we would really appreciate your support with using the ClassCharts app. We will continue to log homework and coursework deadlines on there, making it possible for you to work with your children to track their workload alongside their other commitments.

All of the key dates for the year can be found on the school calendar using the following link:

<https://www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk/calendar/> and I ask that you take the time to check these to see the important dates for Year 10.

Please note that Friday 9th October is a late start for students. They need to be onsite for 9:15am and go straight to period 1.

I look forward to working with you and your child in the forthcoming months as they continue their career with us. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Pilgrim
Head of Year 10