Welcome back to all our Year 10 students and parents to our Ferndown Family

I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved summer break and are refreshed ready to continue your GCSE journey in earnest. It is so lovely to see our year 10 students starting back this week and making a really positive start to the term. As a year team we have adopted the motto of **#Knowledgeispower** as this is a critical time where every lesson taught contains vital information which will be needed (and will be examined) to successfully achieve the GCSE grades your son/daughter is capable of and reach their potential.

Throughout the year I will still be promoting and rewarding students who consistently achieve my '**Hicks Values'**

Honesty and **H**ard work
Independence and **I**nitiative
Curiosity and **C**ollaboration
Kindness and **K**nowledge
Success and **S**upport



Key information and contact:

1. Please keep us up to date with any changes of information such as address, email address or telephone number. Please can you also check MCAS data collection form to ensure all the relevant medical information is correct. Any queries regarding health care plans contact medical@fernup.dorset.sch.uk
2. For any queries, please make any contact with the year 10 team (Mrs Hicks - Head of Year, Mr Thorn – Deputy Head of Year, Mrs Cheeseman – Pastoral manager) through the email address Headofyear10@fernup.dorset.sch.uk
3. For absence please use this contact studentabsence@fernup.dorset.sch.uk We request you let us know of any absence by 8.15am each day.
4. For any specific SEND queries please use Sendsupport@fernup.dorset.sch.uk
5. If there are any concerns with Bromcom and accessing anything please email Gaylemilsom@fernup.dorset.sch.uk and she will be able to help you.

Key dates:

Below are several Key dates already scheduled in the school calendar for this academic year, we will update you with any additions as more events and opportunities are added.

Wed 16th Sept – Year 10 Ski Trip information evening for parents and students 6-7pm in Hall
Thurs 24th Sept – Early finish at 1.20pm (due to open evening)

Mon/Tues 28th/29th Sept – Year 10 Geography field work
Thurs 1st Oct – **Work Experience Launch and information for parents in Hall 6.30pm**
Wed 21st Oct – **Year 10 info evening – supporting your child through GCSEs 6.30pm in Hall**
Mon 2nd Nov – Year 10 geography field work – Southampton
Wed 4th Nov – Early finish at 1.20pm (due to 6th form open evening)
Fri 27th Nov – INSET day
Wed 9th Dec – Christmas concert at St Mary's church at 6.30pm
Sat 12th – Sat 19th Dec – Year 10 ski trip
Fri 18th Dec – End of term – early finish
Mon 4th Jan – INSET Day
Thurs 4th Feb – **Year 10 Parents Evening 4-7pm ONLINE**
Wed 24th March – Non school uniform day for Food bank
Mon 3rd May – May bank Holiday – school closed
Fri/Sat 14th/15th May – Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition
Thurs 13th May – GCSE Ethics exam – Christianity and Judaism
Fri 21st May – GCSE Ethics exam - Themes
Fri 11th June – Charity Relay
Sat/Sun 12th/13th June – Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh assessed Expedition
22nd-24th June and 28th June - 2nd July – **Year 10 Exams**
Mon 5th – Fri 9th July – **Year 10 Work experience**
Thurs 8th July – Prize giving evening 6.30pm in hall
Sports Day - TBC
Mon 12th July – PE Celebration evening
Wed 14th July – House Day
Thurs 15th July – Summer Show 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 16th July – End of term – Early finish

The year team are looking forward to continuing to know your children this year and supporting them in their academic and personal development. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries, however small, or even share with us any of their successes or achievements outside of school as they are often reluctant to do so!

Kindest Regards

Cadi Hicks

Mrs Cadi Hicks
Head of Year 10