



15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10,

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support of Hylands during what has been the most challenging year in recent history. Knowing that the support from your home mirrors the efforts of ours in school has meant that difficult moments have merely been moments and that our students will still leave Hylands reaching their full potential.

I truly believe and know you will agree that the staff at Hylands have gone above and beyond. As a school, we embraced the challenge of live lessons and made sure our students were not alone when they needed us most. As a part of that, I would like to thank all staff at Hylands for rising to the challenge of this year. I would like to specifically thank my year group team, the fantastic tutors who inspire and challenge year 10 each day and the simply incredible pastoral support from a superhuman Mrs Henriques. I am genuinely grateful for all they have done and the high GCSE grades that year 10 leave with next year will be built from the high quality support they have received.

The efforts of staff will continue into the summer. Our core subjects have provided a rundown of ways to prepare for year 11 during the summer holidays, more information can be found below. During the holidays, I encourage you to engage with your child and discuss their aspirations for the future, set targets and promote the necessity and power of their education. Throughout next year, wellbeing will be on the forefront of our focus, with students learning to have a greater ownership of their mental health. The holidays are a great opportunity to unwind and this year's mental health week theme was nature. We spoke vastly about connecting with nature and the positive impact it has on our wellbeing. Please make sure your child finds time to step away from technology and connect with the world around them.

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As I lead year 10 into their final year of KS4, I ask that we continue to work strongly together and for you to join me in not dwelling on the hardship of this year but instead to focus on the years of success and achievement that awaits this year group. I endeavour for all of year 10 to leave Hylands as well-rounded individuals, ready to not only play their part in society but to move it forward in ways that previous generations could only dream of.

I look forward to the year ahead and completing this GCSE journey with you and your child. Have a fantastic and safe summer.

Kind regards

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