

AST/RCL/GHA  
22 June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 10 Assembly – Wednesday 22 June 2022**

I hope this correspondence finds you and your respective families well. This morning, Mr Stoneman, Vice Principal, Mr Meadows, Assistant Vice Principal, and I had the privilege of delivering an assembly to Year 10 where we were able to acknowledge and congratulate the significant number of Year 10 students who have secured badges via the new Plume Academy rewards system. Since the start of the summer term, nearly 5,000 badges have been awarded to the year group and we are delighted with the way students are embracing this new initiative. Once again, it demonstrates the positive and respectful manner in which the majority of Year 10 continue to conduct themselves on a daily basis.

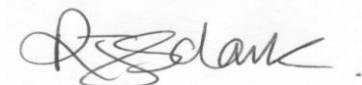
We also used the assembly as an opportunity to reiterate key expectations and highlight the behavioural standards Year 10 are expected to consistently maintain as we approach the final stages of the academic year. In the interest of continuing to be open and transparent in our communication with you, we felt it was important that you were also aware of the main points made during the assembly as documented below:

- **Uniform** – students were reminded that **skirts** should not be rolled up and shortened. Students will be challenged by staff if their skirts are rolled up and worn at an inappropriate length. Plume Academy skirts should ideally be worn just above the knee.
- **Uniform** – students were also reminded that **trousers** and/or **shorts** should, in line with our Uniform Policy, be narrow or graphite grey only. As Year 10 are aware, where students do not meet this expectation, parents/carers will continue to be contacted to secure their support in rectifying the issue in question as soon as possible.
- **AirPods** – students were informed that whilst they were able to bring AirPods into the academy, they were not permitted to use them inside the academy building. Therefore, they should be put away prior to entering the building at the start of the day as well as at the end of break or lunch.
- **Punctuality** – the final point highlighted during this morning's assembly was the need to ensure that Year 10 students arrived to all lessons on time. Good punctuality, as we know, is an essential skill that all students will need in the future and as indisputably evidenced over time, it leads to better overall outcomes. Year 10 are aware that relevant sanctions relating to poor punctuality will be issued if they are repeatedly unable to meet this expectation as their late arrival causes disruption to teaching, and therefore, adversely impacts the learning for all members of the class.

As you may expect, Year 10 students did, as they always do, positively responded to the assembly and staff were on hand to address questions as they arose. We would therefore be grateful if you could spend a few moments to reinforce the behaviour expectations and standards highlighted above with your child and encourage them to continue to adopt a positive approach to the manner in which they conduct themselves in, around as well as outside of the academy.

Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support and if you have any questions relating to the points outlined in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Farrow, Head of Year 10, or Mrs Slade, Assistant Head of Year 10, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs R Clark**  
**Joint Head of Academy**