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Dear year 10 parents

Update Letter

As we come to the end of the second term of the year, I am writing to update you on progress at Health Futures as well as a number of events that will be coming up next term for year 10.

As you know, we had our first monitoring visit from Ofsted in February. We were very pleased with their feedback, especially the fact that they were able to recognise improvements in all areas of the school. We are expecting a further visit next half term.

Our year 11 and year 13 students are now coming into exam season. GCSE exams will commence 13th May and year 11 will finish school after their last exam on Friday June 14th. Year 10 students will have end of year exams during the week commencing 17th June. These examinations will assess their understanding of everything that has been covered this year in all of their subjects. These are important exams that are taken in exam conditions and give students a taste of what they will experience in 12 months' time.

The exams are immediately followed by work experience week. Most students have now secured a work placement. If your daughter or son has not yet secured a placement please contact Mr. Hinton at school who will be able to advise you. All students will be visited by a member of school staff during their placement.

After work experience we will be launching our new curriculum with year 10 and year 12. The curriculum will be based on the care values of the health and social care sector and at its core will be 'professional behaviour'. We are fortunate to have been partnered with Sandwell Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who have access to health professionals across the borough, all of whom are keen to work with us. Amongst other things the CCG are responsible for workforce planning over the next 10 years and their view is that by working in partnership with Health Futures they can select some of their future employees. They are currently looking at our first project with us and advising us about the skills they want us to develop in our students.

I have met with year 10 today to talk about our expectations of behaviour, particularly at break and lunch times and in between lessons. A minority of students are behaving immaturely and certainly not exhibiting the type of behaviour that will impress our employer partners. The students listened respectfully and will, I believe, take on board what I have told them. They are aware that if they don't they will lose the freedom they have at break and lunch time and will have to spend breaks and lunches in a tightly controlled environment. Hopefully, this arrangement will not be necessary for your daughter or son.



Last week we appointed our head student from year 10. Sharn-Taiya Slater will take up the post after Easter and will work with the sixth form head students in representing Health Futures as ambassadors and working with the extended leadership team in planning future projects and events. Sharn-Taiya was appointed after a competitive application and interview process and I am confident that she will be a strong role model to other students.

You will receive a report outlining the progress your son or daughter has made in the last milestone assessments on May 10th. The report will be followed by parents' evening, further details of which will follow. Full reports will be sent home in July.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful bank holiday weekend and thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about this letter or any other matters please contact me by email. I will be picking up emails over the Easter holiday period.

Yours sincerely



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