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Dear parents

As we approach the end of this academic year I am writing to inform you about some curriculum changes that are being introduced as well as some minor changes to the dress code that are being trialled at the request of students.

You will know that year 10 students are taking their end of year examinations next week. Their normal timetable will be suspended and they will have at least two exams each day. Afternoon exams will start at 1 p.m. and students will be free to leave at the end of the exam unless they are required to stay for intervention or late detention. You will be informed about the results of the exams in the full reports which will be sent home on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The following week students will be on work experience. All students will receive a visit during the week by a member of Health Futures staff and the employers will provide a report assessing performance during the week.

After work experience we will be launching our first employer project and students will work on the project for the last 3 weeks of term. Normal lessons will continue for most of the time but there will be some drop-down days and half days when students will work on the project alone. The project will be group based and each group will be competing to gain the most points. Points will be awarded by staff, employer partners and governors. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July students will be showcasing their projects and final judging will be done. You are welcome to come along to see what the students have produced. Timings and further details will be communicated to parents nearer the event. From September 2019 all students will work on projects every Wednesday afternoon. There will be a new project each half term.

From September we will also be opening our new clinical area. This will be an extension of our ward and will simulate a clinic. Students will access the clinical area several times a week as part of their health and social care curriculum and their project work. We are



hoping to open a maternity suite and to purchase a new birthing simulator. This will be a simulated pregnant mother with a new born baby and will allow us to teach the students midwifery and neo-natal clinical skills. We will be advertising student job roles in the clinic after work experience week. The clinic will be managed by one of our sixth form students.

In September we are also changing the way we deliver PSHE. Students will have taught sessions of half an hour each Friday afternoon followed by a Key Stage 4 assembly. Our finish time on a Friday will be 3:30 p.m. Students will be dismissed straight after assembly.

Following consultation with a group of students we have agreed to allow female students the option of wearing a black skirt. It has been agreed with the students that skirts must be knee length. The students who brought the proposal to the senior team will be monitoring the compliance with this agreement and understand that it will be reviewed at the end of term and may be withdrawn. This new uniform policy will take effect Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June we will also be insisting that students arrive to school properly attired. They will not be allowed to enter the main school building wearing coats, trainers or sweatshirts. This means that items of uniform, such as shoes and blazers, must not be left in lockers overnight. Lockers will be taken off students who do not comply.

Finally I would like to inform you how pleased I am with the attitude of year 10 this year. Having carried out lesson observations this week I am pleased to report that the behaviour and attitude to learning is very positive. I am looking forward to seeing them progress into year 11 at the end of which I believe we will see some superb GCSE results.

Thank you for your continued support this year and I hope very much that you will be able to attend our final project day on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

