



much more than just a school



10 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 half term review**

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on Year 10 students' half term and the exciting opportunities that students have been offered.

The year group has continued to progress well in their GCSE subjects with students embracing the hard work and resilience required. In assembly I have repeated the importance of attendance as a huge factor in GCSE success.

Students demonstrated maturity in their testing week with core subjects sat in the sports hall, our GCSE venue. I was impressed with the level of effort during these exams with many students writing throughout. Furthermore, students navigated the anxiety surrounding exams exceptionally well.

Thirty of our Year 10 students also took part in the UNLOCK enterprise workshop. This included a range of activities, such as team building, problem solving and designing a campaign to tackle an issue in the real world. I was really impressed with students' ability to build the highest free-standing tower that could hold a watermelon!

Below are key dates for Year 10 in the coming weeks:

- Park's 12 days of Christmas - students are entered in draws to win prizes for their attendance at school. Top prizes include an iPad and a bike.
- Park's annual Christmas festivities – Friday 20 December.

I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting at [t.penlington@pcs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:t.penlington@pcs.hants.sch.uk) or via ClassCharts.

Yours faithfully

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