

Ref: Year 10 enrichment update

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Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has settled in well into Year 10 at Kibworth Mead Academy and the start of their GCSE journey. We are really impressed with Year 10 as a whole and how they conduct themselves around the school and apply themselves in lessons.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an overview of key dates and information for the year including enrichment opportunities.

## **Enrichment Opportunities**

There are a host of lunch time and after school activities available for Year 10, designed to develop their talents and interests. These include senior band, orchestra, choir, drama, basketball, badminton, art and netball, together with a Leicester College chef course. As part of our mission to develop the 'whole child' and create young people who work hard, are kind and proud, we would ask you to encourage your child to take the opportunity to participate in some of these opportunities which are an important aspect of secondary school life.

In addition to in-school clubs, we wanted to make you aware of upcoming trips that will shortly be advertised so that you can make an informed decision.

- Year 10 Science Trip to Big Bang Fair- March 2023
- Year 10 French trip to Nice- March 2023
- Year 10/11 Geography trip to Naples- April 2023
- Year 10 Art trip to London to visit a gallery/show- June 2023
- Year 9/10/11 trip to Krakow/Auschwitz- October 2023 (for the current Year 8/9/10)

Please note that our enrichment programme is developing all the time, and we anticipate that over your child's time at Kibworth Mead Academy there will be many additional opportunities on offer that have not yet been scheduled. We will endeavour to give you as much notice of these as possible. Additionally, if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium allowance please contact <a href="mailto:ekowalski@kibworth-tmet.uk">ekowalski@kibworth-tmet.uk</a> to discuss support available for enrichment opportunities.



## Opportunities to update you on your child's progress

A full parents' evening is scheduled for Thursday 3 November 2022. In this evening you will get the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's subject teachers and find out how your child is progressing in each subject. Your child is welcome to attend this alongside yourself. In addition, you will get a report on your child's progress emailed to you three times a year. These are scheduled to be sent out week commencing 14 November, 27 February 2023 and 10 July 2023.

## How you can support your child

At Kibworth Mead we are most effective when we work in partnership with parents/carers to support your child. We appreciate that the vast majority of parents and carers have logged onto Satchel:One and regularly check their child's homework.

In addition, there are knowledge organisers available for the vast majority of our subjects. These can be found on our website. The password is KmaKO. <a href="https://www.kibworth-tmet.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers/">https://www.kibworth-tmet.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers/</a>. Research shows that regular quizzing or testing of key information, known as retrieval practice, aids memory retention. You can support your child by regularly quizzing them on key knowledge from these knowledge organisers or from their exercise books. This will be particularly important in Year 10 to ensure your child develops a strong foundation of knowledge as they start their GCSEs. For Science we have provided students with access to our online textbook, Kerboodle. They have recently been reminded of their login details via Satchel:One.

We will continue to update you on news and events through our weekly newsletter so please do look out for this each Friday.

We thank you for working in partnership with us so far on your child's journey at KMA and wish you a wonderful half term when it comes.

Best wishes

Dr P Thompson Vice Principal