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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of Year 10, I wanted to share with you, some updates and reminders ready for Year 11, as well as some important contact information for the year ahead. Year 10 have seen some remarkable successes this year, from Work Experience to sitting their first set of Pre Public Exams (PPEs), where feedback on the culture of the year group throughout, was exceptional.

Year 11 Academy Day

As mentioned on our website, I would like to remind you of the timings of the Academy Day:

Monday	8:35am — 3:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	8:35am — 3:50pm

These timings are compulsory for all Year 11 students, and we thank you in advance, for upholding its importance by arranging any appointments for your child outside of these times.

Post-16 Support

As an Academy, we strive to support families with Post-16 applications and ensure that our students have access to up to date and relevant information to inform their choices. During the start of Year 11, we host Post-16 assemblies from a variety of providers promoting a range of routes including College, Sixth Form and apprenticeships. Every child in Year 11 will also receive a 1:1 session with Jackie Fielding, our Careers Advisor. We can support students with their applications, but we strongly recommend families attend open day events in the community for their top choice selections. As a guide, all students in Year 11 should have made 3 applications to Post-16 providers by the Christmas holidays. If you feel you would like support with this or would like to attend your child's 1:1 meeting to better understand the application process, please contact Jackie directly via email jackie.fielding@clf.uk.

Tassomai & Summer Independent Study

Rest, over the summer for students is of great importance, so we encourage this for Year 10. It is also important, however, to continue some revision and learning. To support this, we strongly encourage students to continue their Tassomai daily goals whilst at home. For maths, summer work has been set by individual class teachers; mainly in the form of Dr Frost and practice exam papers.

Dates for the fridge

Included with this letter is a “dates for the fridge pathway” for you to keep on display at home. I hope this may be of use when planning for the year ahead including family holidays and to better understand your child's journey towards their GCSE's. As a guide, we usually hold 2 days in October half term and 3 days in the second week of the Easter holidays for targeted students, covering roughly 70% of the year group. There are then 3 days in the May half term for all students. We see significant impact from these sessions which allow for greater depth of knowledge to be gained. We appreciate the implications on holiday planning, so we will send out the dates as soon as possible when we return in September.

If you have any questions regarding the above key areas, or the Year 11 journey, please get in touch either using the school contact number or directly via email: mark.armstrong@clf.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mark Armstrong
Raising Standard Leader for Year 10



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