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Dear Families,

We are delighted to welcome you as our Year 10 students begin their GCSE journey—an exciting and important stage in their education.

We would like to invite you to our **Year 10 GCSE Success Starts Here Event on Thursday 24th September, from 5.00pm–6.30pm.**

This is an important evening for both parents and carers as we officially begin the GCSE journey together. Year 10 is a crucial year in achieving GCSE success, and we want to make sure that students understand the importance of this first GCSE year, what is expected of them and how they can make the very best start.

On the evening, there will be:

- **5.00pm – Welcome and presentation:** Find out about the key differences between KS3 and GCSE, the importance of Year 10 in achieving GCSE success, the expectations we have for students and the support we have put in place to help them succeed – including Level Up Interventions and much more!
- **5.45pm – Meet your child's tutor:** An opportunity to meet your child's tutor and find out more about the pastoral support available throughout Year 10, as well as how we will work together to support your child.

Available on the night as well:

- **GCSE subject information:** Collect key information from each GCSE subject, including the content being taught, coursework requirements and important deadlines.
- **Key Year 10 dates:** Find out about important events, assessments and milestones throughout the year.
- **Work Experience:** Our Careers Leader and Leicestershire Education Business Company (LEBC) will be available to provide information about the exciting Year 10 Work Experience programme and the opportunities available to students.

We want every student to start their GCSE journey in the best possible way. Year 10 is an opportunity to build strong habits, develop independence and establish the knowledge and skills that will put students in the strongest possible position for Year 11 and their final GCSE examinations.

Your support is imperative. The partnership between school, home and students is crucial to success, and we want to make sure you have the information and guidance you need to support your child throughout their GCSE journey.

If you are planning to attend, please click the link below to confirm your attendance:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/vtCBKuLMzT>

We look forward to welcoming you and starting the journey towards GCSE success together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Finn
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