

25th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 10 Newsletter

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at De Warenne for Year 10. I just wanted to take this opportunity to write and update you on what has been happening in the Academy as well as to say how proud I am of the way the year group has adapted to the changes we have put in place to keep the children safe in these testing times.

Pupils are working hard in their option subjects as well as in their English, maths and science lessons and have recently completed a week of trial exams. They've certainly shown resilience in these and we can't wait for them to be marked to see how well they have done!

Amazing day

As part of the curriculum offer, Year 10 took part in a fantastic drop-down day on the 9th October. We welcomed visitors from South Yorkshire police as well as an amazing workshop from Paul Hannaford, who spoke candidly about his life and the dangers of addiction (drugs and alcohol) as well as involvement in gangs, knife crime and county lines. Our guests were joined by our own 'in-house' experts who delivered

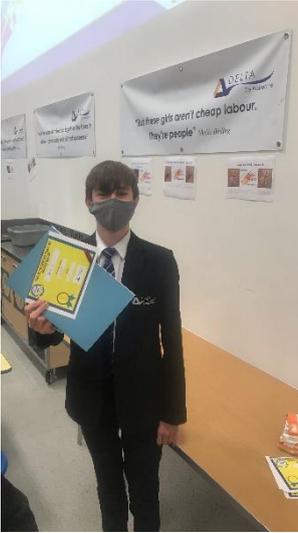
sessions on child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation and issues surrounding mental health.



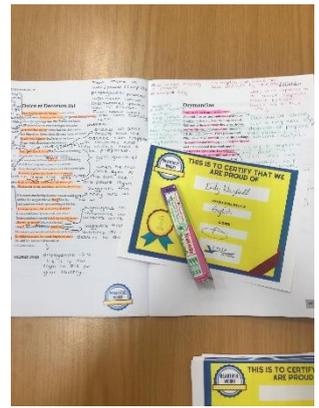
Thank you!

Understandably, the way we function as an Academy has changed significantly since we returned in September and, on behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for your support in the new way we operate. Year 10 arrive for 8:20, enter through the side gate wearing a face mask, and queue up to wash their hands and have done so amazingly well since reopening. Year 10 have been superb following the new protocols and this is a good opportunity to say a massive well done to all from myself and Mrs. Nadin who has worked tirelessly supporting the year group.

PROUD Thursday



Every Thursday, pupils in Year 10 who have produced 'beautiful work' in their lessons are given a sticker in their books by their class teacher. They then bring their books with them at lunch to show a member of the senior leadership team who rewards them with a certificate and sweets. Well done to all year 10 pupils who have produced beautiful work – let's see more of it!



Remembrance

Finally, on the 11th November, the entire Academy fell silent to remember the fallen. Everyone took part in the assembly which preceded a two-minute silence giving the entire Academy a moment to pause, reflect and remember in what has been an incredibly busy (and different) first term so far.



I'd like to wish all our pupils and families a safe and happy end to 2020, and, a merry Christmas (when we get there!)

Kind Regards

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