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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of Term 1 we wanted to write a short message thanking you and students for the extremely positive start that has been made along with some key information for the year ahead.

We are immensely proud of the results the students achieved this summer and we continue to strive for our students to achieve the highest outcomes while developing their self-belief and resilience as an individual. We maintain our high expectations across all areas of College life and thank you for your support in us collectively achieving this.

If you are at all concerned about any aspect of your child's wellbeing we have information on our [website](#) that you might find useful, however, please do not hesitate to contact either their Tutor or Mrs Grant, Pastoral Manager (contact details at the end of this letter). This collaborative approach, working together will enable us to best support your child during their time at Heathfield Community College.

This year our attendance target remains at 96%. Statistics show us that attendance above this level gives the greatest chance of success. Evidence shows us that students who have an attendance of 96% or greater on average gain almost one whole grade more than students in other schools. In contrast those with attendance less than 90% were almost one and a half grades lower. We are always happy to support students and their families with any issues relating to attendance and punctuality.

Please let us know if your child is worried about anything in school or they do not want to attend. We will do our best to help, early intervention in this area is vital to ensure regular attendance patterns are created and sustained.

Your child will be taking their two intensive GCSE examinations this year, with most external exams taking place in May/June 2019, some practical based exams may be earlier but students will be informed of this. As you are aware students have already sat mock exams for these subjects this term and this will be repeated in March 2019. Students will also sit mock exams in their core subjects in July 2019.

Preparation in the form of subject and more general exam support has started in tutor time and will be picked up again closer to the time of exams, this includes help with revision methods and planning.

You will be aware that we send out our fortnightly Heathfield Headlines which gives a flavour of some of the incredible achievements of our students, the manner in which they get fully involved in the life of the College, links to important information and key dates for the diary. If you have missed any editions, they can be found by clicking [here](#).

**KEY DATES FOR YEAR 10** (more details will follow nearer the time):

w/b 5 November 2018	MFL Oral Mocks
w/b 4 March 2019	Year 10 Mocks Intensive Subjects
Thursday 4 April 2019	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 21 June 2019	Sports Day
w/b 1 July 2019	Year 10 Mocks Core Subjects
Thursday 11 July 2019	Honours Evening

It is essential that we are able to contact you in an emergency and would ask that if your contact details change during the year you contact Reception on 01435 866066 Ext 1200 or email [office@heathfieldcc.co.uk](mailto:office@heathfieldcc.co.uk) so that we can update our records.

We really look forward to working positively and constructively with you this academic year and thank you for the support you have already given, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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