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Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 10,

As the busy Autumn Term draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to reflect on the fantastic progress and maturity demonstrated by our Year 10 students over the last few months.

The Spring term will see practice exam cycles begin. While these seem a long way off, the sheer volume of content covered in Year 9 and 10 makes early and consistent revision essential.

We strongly encourage students to use the upcoming two-week holiday not just for rest, but also as an opportunity to implement a simple, manageable revision schedule. Even dedicating a few hours each week to consolidating topics covered since September will make a dramatic difference. Focusing on creating excellent revision notes, mind maps, or flashcards now will reduce stress significantly when the formal exam period arrives. The key message we stress in school is: **Small steps now prevent huge leaps later.** Please reinforce this message at home.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we are excited to announce that the application process for our prestigious senior leadership roles will commence shortly after we return in January. Year 10 students will be invited to apply for roles as School Prefects and ultimately, the positions of Head Students for the next academic year. This is a chance for students to showcase their commitment, leadership skills, and integrity, and to leave a lasting positive legacy on the school community. We encourage all interested students to consider what they can offer the school and to use the break to think about their personal qualities and commitment to service, ready for the application release in the first week of the Spring Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Year 10 Pastoral Team for all the hard work and support that they have given the students so far this year. I am extremely lucky to have such a committed and supportive tutor team in year 10 and cannot thank them enough for the work they do on a daily basis to support the students within the year group. I would like to give a special mention to Mr Woodward who has recently joined me in the Year office and is working alongside me to support the progress and achievement of all students in year 10.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Brookes, who is starting a post at a new school after Christmas. She is a huge loss to the year group and Wildern overall. Thank you for all of your support over the past 3 years with the year group.

Please note that school closes for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December and re-opens for the Spring Term on Monday 5th January.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your partnership this term. We wish you and your family a restful, joyful, and peaceful holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming the students back for what promises to be a very productive Spring Term.

Yours Faithfully,

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