

DTU/GBL

22 November 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 9 and 10 Pledges and STEPs

As you will already know, we provide all our students with a range of opportunities to achieve the best outcomes for their GCSE pathways. In order that students completing their GCSEs are fully ready to engage in the challenges of further education requirements, we are introducing Pledges that we wish your child to achieve. This is an opportunity for your child to prove that they have the motivation and effort required to move onto the next phase of their education beyond GCSE.

You will find that in your child's planner there is a page that identifies '**My 10 Pledges**'.

We do expect that your child achieves at least **7 Pledges** before Easter in Year 11. The Pledges that we deem as compulsory are:

- Pledge 1** Regularly attend an after academy event (minimum of 20 sessions)
- Pledge 2** Represents the academy in an academic event – for example a half term / holiday school
- Pledge 5** Take part in an Academy event for example by attending the 6th Form Open Evening in Year 11. This is to keep all options open for further education choices.

Alongside these Pledges we do require that your child's attendance remains above **95%** and that your child does not receive an **E4** during **STEPs** process.

We hope to receive your full support with any interventions that are put in place to support your child should they not meet with these expectations.

We believe all students who prove that they are hard-working and committed to achieving these expectations deserve to be celebrated. As part of this celebration we would like to invite your child to attend the **Year 11 Prom** which is typically held at the end of Year 11.

There will be a **Parents Information Evening** on **Tuesday 20 February 2018** should you have any questions about this process.

Yours faithfully



Mr Tucker
Vice Principal