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Dear Parent/ Carer

Cohort Update

I hope that you and your family are all well and had an enjoyable Summer break.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Oyedeki and Mrs Paige for all their hard work. Mr K Powell returns as Senior Academic Mentor (SAM) and I shall be the Director of Studies (DoS). We are really excited to be able to work with this group of young people again.

Your child now has a reduced number of subjects as they specialise in their GCSE courses. They will remain in their Form Groups for Registration and PSHCE. How each pupil begins Year 10 is a great indicator as to how they will progress through the next 18 months or so, before taking their exams. The Year 10 pastoral team intend to monitor pupils carefully to ensure that they make a positive start. Year 10 is a crucial year where the majority of the GCSE content is covered in each of their subjects. Below are a couple of key dates which I thought you may find useful at this stage.

22nd October 2026 - Autumn Term Report Issued
9th March 2027 - Year 10 Progress Review Evening
19th April 2027 - 27th April 2027 - Year 10 Exams (7 Days)

Although this may seem like a long way off, I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the benefits of studying A-Levels at BGS Sixth Form. I know many pupils will already be considering which subjects they may want to pursue further. Information can be found on the [BGS website](#).

It has been fantastic to welcome the pupils back to school. I am hopeful, as I am sure you are, that they continue to be successful and keep their effort levels as high as they have been to date.

Yours sincerely

A J Mackle
Director of Studies