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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Preparing for Next Steps and End of Year Exams

Your child is moving into their final year at Cardinal Heenan, a time when they make plans for the next stage of their education and life beyond. This is both an exciting and overwhelming time for both our young people and their families, as the range of post-16 options available to them is vast. It is also a time when the external exams that determine the pathways that are open to them begin to loom large, as they prepare for and sit their end of Year 10 exams.

Preparing for Next Steps Workshop

I am delighted to invite you and your child to our Year 10 Preparing for Next Steps workshop, which will take place in school on **Thursday 15 May 2025**. The workshop will last for approximately an hour and a half. There are two available slots: 4pm – 5.30pm and 5.30pm – 7pm. To allow us to make arrangements, we ask that you book onto your preferred slot by completing [this short form](#).

To help you and your child navigate this time, we have put together an interactive workshop that is designed to help you and your child understand:

- the range of Post-16 Options that are available to them, and begin to consider which will be most appropriate to help them to achieve their goals;
- how they can make the most of their final year at Cardinal Henan; and
- how to prepare for their End of Year 10 exams.

As it is about their future, it is important that your child attends the workshop with you. There will be a range of opportunities for you to discuss their ambitions, options and intentions with them during the evening.

Year 10 End of Year Exams and Revision Guides

Your child will be sitting End of Year Exams from **Friday 19 June – Wednesday 2 July 2025**. These are designed to:

- allow your child and their teacher to understand how they are progressing in each subject and identify their next steps;
- understand the format of GCSE exams; and
- learn how to prepare for exams in a range of different subjects.

Your child will be given their exam timetable at the Preparing for Next Steps workshop, along with guidance on how to revise and how to organise their revision.

Many students benefit greatly from using revision guides. These are currently available for purchase (at cost price) on ParentPay. To allow us to order them in time for you to collect them at the Preparing for Your Next Steps workshop, we ask that you submit any orders by tomorrow (Friday 25 April 2025).

We look forward to seeing you at this event. If you have any questions, or any difficulties in booking, please contact Mrs Brumskill (Assistant Head of Year 10) on rbl@cardinalheenan.com who will be happy to assist.

Best wishes

Ms E Stockton-Pitt
Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education

