



## LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

# Year 10 Newsletter November 2018

### Key Dates

Monday 3rd December INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Tuesday 4th December INSET Day (school closed to pupils)  
Tuesday 4th December GCSE Drama – controlled assessment (1)  
Friday 21st December End of Term 2 – 12:25 pm finish  
Monday 7th January Start of Term 3 – 8:40 am  
Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th January Villiers Park residential trip  
Thursday 7th February School Production - FAME  
Friday 8th February School Production - FAME  
Wednesday 13th February Parents Subject Consultation Evening

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Places are now open for pupils to join the Silver Award. There was an assembly at the end of last term and letters were handed out with information and a registration form. Please return the form if you are new to DofE and would like to do the Silver Award. If you have taken part in the Bronze Award you do not need to complete the form as you are already registered. Please do look on parent pay and pay the registration fee as soon as possible so we can order your Silver Award Welcome Pack.

This has been the most successful year group to date with almost an 80% completion rate. If you know your child has their assessor reports sitting in their booklets, please encourage them to get them signed and uploaded to eDofE. From here I can mark their sections as complete and we can award their certificates.

### Character Champions

Congratulations to the following pupils who have worked hard to develop their organisational and communication skills.

**Jamie A (10B2), Roche M(10H2), Oliver C (10P1), Ethan J (10B2), Alex N(10P2), Ella S (10P1), Ellie K (10H2), Jaiden H (10B2), Rowan W (10B2)**

### Pupil Interviews

During this academic year every pupil in Year 10 will have two academic focused interviews with a member of the senior leadership team. The first one will take place between the 5th Dec—14th Dec. Pupils will be given time and guidance to prepare for this interview. They will discuss both their target and current predicted grades, as well as aspects of their learning, post-16 choices and career aspirations.

We encourage you to share your own experiences of attending formal interviews with your child. Encouraging them to practise and develop their communication skills on the run up to this event would be particularly beneficial to them.

### Contact Information

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### Year 10 Attendance

Full attendance and punctuality are essential if your child is to achieve success during their GCSEs and we shall be relying on your support in these areas. Holidays should not be taken in term time as this adversely affects your child's progress and they will not be authorised. If your child has a pre-planned absence at any point during the year, for example, a medical appointment, a letter prior to the absence must be handed to their tutor. Where possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours. If your child is ill, you should inform the school on morning of absence. Pupils are expected to have an attendance of no lower than 95%