



Boroughbridge High School

16th April 2026

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer

Headteacher's Update - Our raising achievement strategies for Year 10

As we outlined at the beginning of the year, our key aim is to support our Year 10 and Year 11 students to gain the highest possible GCSE and BTEC grades and to guide them to make ambitious choices for the next stage of their educational journey. We understand the value of working together with parents and carers in the best interests of our students and appreciate your support.

With the second series of Progress Exams now completed, I just wanted to share with you information about the strategies that are in place to support our students in the lead up to the Summer exams along with giving you the information that you need to support your child at home.

Progress exams and tracking

You will receive the next tracking data on **Wednesday 22nd April**. Along with your child's predicted grade, it will also include the grade that your child achieved in the Progress exam. This tracking will help to support students in understanding how effective their revision has been and what they may need to change before the Summer Exam series.

Our revision strategy

In **lessons**, subject teachers use retrieval activities to help students to build their knowledge over time. Students are aware that these approaches can also be used for independent revision. Teachers are also talking about revision approaches and how they can be successfully applied to their subject.

Currently during one **form time**, Year 10 students are carrying out work on general revision techniques.

All students have received a **'How to revise' book** which, along with revision techniques, has subject specific information and a planner to create a revision timetable.

Intervention sessions

Alongside lessons, teachers will be holding intervention sessions. These enable students to get further support and will be tailored to the needs of the students in attendance. Please encourage your child to attend.

The timetable is outlined below. (A is for all students studying that subject)

Day/ session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	GCSE PE (A) English Literature (Those predicted a grade 5 or above)	Business (A) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)	RE (1,4 & 6 Mark Support) (A) MFL (A)	Science (A and Invited) Geography (A) History (Those predicted to up to a grade 5) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)	History (Those predicted a grade 6 or above) RE (Informal Drop-In) (A)
Afterschool	Maths (A)	English (Invited only)		RE (Paper 2) (A) English Language (A) Open revision for all year 10/11 supported by TGW	English "Telling Tales" Literature (A)

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Revision Guide for Parents and Carers

You received a Revision Guide before the first series of Progress Exams. This includes information about what is on each paper for each subject and how students can revise for it. We have attached another copy for easy reference.

Summer exams

The exam period runs from 7th May 2026 to 17th June 2026, with a contingency day on 24th June 2026. (The contingency day will be used should sustained national or significant local disruption arise during the June 2026 examination series.) Your child's exam timetable can now be downloaded from My Child at School.

Other areas which will support success

Attendance

Students learn most productively when they are in the classroom and our GCSE/BTEC analysis from exams last year clearly shows that students whose attendance was high significantly outperformed those with lower attendance. This is particularly critical over the coming months as students complete specifications and work on exam technique.

Paid work

We appreciate that carrying out some paid work is beneficial to students not only financially but also in helping them to experience the world of work and develop their skills. However, it's important that they plan their time so that they have sufficient time to complete their school work. They may also consider reducing their hours in the lead up to the Summer exams. The government guidelines on child employment can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/child-employment/restrictions-on-child-employment>

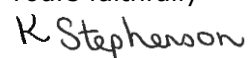
If you have a question or query

Please contact us if you have any questions or queries. If you have any subject specific questions, then please contact your child's teacher. E-mail addresses are the teacher's initial followed by second name @boroughbridgehigh.com. Alternatively, you can e-mail schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com and your e-mail will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

If you have more general enquiries or feel that your child would benefit from further pastoral support then please e-mail Mrs. Godsell-Wright at tgodsell@boroughbridgehigh.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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