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Dear Parent/Carer

Ring in the Changes for Year 10!

I have very much enjoyed getting to know our staff, students and their parents since my arrival in September. I now have a clear understanding of how the Academy operates and the New Year is the right time to “ring in the changes”.

I have attached a special Bulletin that has been written to explain about some of the changes that have taken place in recent weeks. I have also used it as an opportunity to explain how we approach student behaviour management to create a really positive climate for learning.

As parents ourselves, we also know how often our children try to persuade us that something isn't really a rule. I hope that the back page of our Bulletin gives you the clarity you need so you can discuss hoodies, trainers and fizzy drinks etc in the knowledge that you are being a supportive parent. We have not mentioned mobile phones but, equally, we do not expect to see them or hear them whilst on the Academy site – this is a basic expectation of all students for which we have no tolerance.

Your child is now at a really critical stage in their education, being only one year away from preparing for the final Key Stage 4 exams and taking decisions about what and where they would like to study next. Knowing exactly how your child is coping with their learning gives you a vital opportunity to give your child the support they need.

We would be really pleased if you could join us at three very important events for our Year 10 students in February.

Year 10 Parents' Evening, Wednesday 6 February, 3.15 - 6.00pm

Attending this event is really important to us and to your child's future achievement, and we would be pleased if you could join us on Wednesday 6 February to meet with subject teachers.

The Year 10 Manager, Miss Jones, will be ready to meet with you to discuss any concerns or factors which you feel we should know to support your child. Miss Jones will then be able to share these concerns with your child's tutor and provide additional support if needed.



You may wish to view your child's behaviour record before Parents' Evening to review achievements and discuss any negatives. You can do this by accessing your parent ClassCharts account. Your unique personal code is given on the front page of the Bulletin.

Sixth Form Open Evening, Wednesday 13 February, 3.15 - 6.00 pm

The Bulwell Academy's Sixth Form has established an excellent reputation for offering superb learning opportunities and outstanding 'added value' for our students. We have a proven track record for successful progression to university, apprenticeships and employment. We are pleased to invite you to attend this event to meet the team. Your personal invitation along with full details of the courses on offer will be sent to you shortly.

**Thinking Forward: Jobs & Careers Fair, Wednesday 27 February, 4.00 pm
(Fair open 4.15-6.30 pm)**

After Half Term, we will be beginning the Academy's award-winning employability skills programme called 'Employment Intelligence' when your child will be learning about the skills needed for success in the world of work and organising their work experience placement.

We will be inviting you to attend a special briefing at **4pm on 27 February** ahead of our Jobs & Careers Fair where you can meet with local employers, learn more about apprenticeships and meet representatives from local colleges to give you the information you need to help your child make their next step or college choice.

Mrs Bingham, our Careers Lead, will be explaining what opportunities are available to your child and explain apprenticeship and higher education opportunities. Please put the date in your diary.

It is a particularly busy time for us as we introduce these new changes, focus our expectation on the successful learning of our students and this can only be achieved in close partnership with parents. I am keen to develop our Parent Advisory Group further and if you are able to share a few hours of your time, three times a year to help provide a parent voice we would be delighted to hear from you.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you to The Bulwell Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

**Mrs M Strong
Principal**