

# **WALKDEN HIGH SCHOOL**



*Educating for Success*

## **YEAR 10 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING**

**19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

## **Programme for the evening**

Introduction and Welcome  
The Year 10 Team  
A day in the life of Year 10  
Coursework: The Role of School & Home  
Form Period: Ready for School?  
Work Experience  
Support in School  
Farewell and Evaluation

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## **The Year 10 team**

Pupil Progress Director  
Assistant Pupil Progress Director  
Assistant Head, Key Stage 4  
10W  
10A  
10L  
10K  
10D  
10E  
10N  
10H  
10I  
10G

Mrs K. Bradley Law  
Mr A. Sims  
Mrs J. Warren  
Mr D. Butterworth  
Mr D. Johnson  
Mr P. Greenwood  
Ms G. Watford  
Ms L. Armitage  
Ms J. Reynolds  
Mr O. Hughes  
Mr P. Pawlik  
Mr A. Crossley  
Mr J. Pryce

## **Year 10 Coursework and Homework**

Included in this section are the details about the homework and coursework deadlines for year 10 pupils. For specific subject details please look at the Walkden High School website. [www.walkden.uk.com/ws/events](http://www.walkden.uk.com/ws/events)

You can support your children with this important aspect of your son/daughter's education by making sure your son/daughter has the appropriate conditions in which to work at home, eg. a table or desk, a quiet area and all the necessary equipment available. Most importantly you will support by taking an active interest in what your child is undertaking, checking what homework has been set and offering support, encouragement and when necessary explaining instructions to get the task done.

Homework should be set according to the timetable and recorded in the pupil's planner. Each homework should last approximately 40 minutes but may take longer if it is related to a piece of coursework. If you feel the work is taking too long and your child is becoming over-tired, please tell them to stop and contact the subject teacher at school.

If your son/daughter is unable to complete the homework on the night given, with good reason, please could you let the teacher concerned know by writing a note in the pupil planner. Coursework deadlines should, in almost all cases, be met without fail as these would have been set a long time in advance. Failure to do so could result in a reduction of coursework marks and jeopardize examination success.

If you feel that your son/daughter has not been receiving homework in line with the school policy, could you please contact the subject teacher to raise your concerns, which in most cases should resolve the issue. If this is not successful, please contact the Head of Department for that subject.

When working at home pupils should....

- Set realistic targets and stick to them
- The targets should be Small Measurable Achievable Realistic Timed– be SMART
- Once they have completed a section of work give themselves a treat!!!

Useful websites:

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)

[www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com)

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

## **Year 10 Form Time**

What happens in form time?

**Monday** – Bring in newspapers to read

**Tuesday** – Assembly

**Wednesday** – Revision

**Thursday** – Revision

**Friday** – Private reading

How can parents help create a positive start to the day?

- Check for make-up
- Check for bracelets, earrings and jewellery
- Don't pay for over long or coloured acrylic or gel nails
- Check that students have bags, ties and blazers
- Check shoes – no canvas!

The year team are there to get the students ready for the day. They are a vital point of contact for students and parents to ensure steady progress throughout the two years of GCSE. If you have any concerns your son/daughter's form teacher should be the first point of contact.

Thanks for all your help and support,  
The Year10 team.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE 2010 - PROCEDURES / GUIDELINES**

1. Placements must be for two weeks with the same company. Single week placements are not allowed.
2. Pupils are **NOT** to contact the following schools:

Ellenbrook Primary School  
St. Paul's Compton Street  
James Brindley  
St. Andrew's Boothstown

These placements are only available through the school list.

3. Pupils are responsible for making their own travel arrangements during Work Experience.
4. Placements on the school list are mostly based locally or in Swinton/Trafford Centre/Manchester
5. All placements must be secured by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the latest.
6. Pupils who for any reason do not start Work Experience must attend school as normal.
7. You cannot switch placements once Work Experience has started. If you leave your placement you must return to school.
8. Pupils must produce a CV for their placement. This will be done during Careers lessons.
9. Pupils who fail to return paperwork by the deadlines set will be refused a placement.
- 10. PUPILS MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK EXPERIENCE PROCESS AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SECURING THEIR PLACEMENT.**

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009:**

Return the yellow form indicating how a placement will be secured.

**October/ November 2009:**

Select a placement from the school list if this is your preferred choice.

**October 09 / January 10:**

Contact companies, secure your placement and notify school of the details if you have opted to find your own.

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**LAST DATE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN PLACEMENT.**

**May 2010:**

Confirm details with your company. Complete Final Details form. Attend for interview if required.

**June 2010:**

Check and sign your contract and return to school by date set.

**June 2010**

Collect your Work Experience Diary and complete the details.

**July 2010:**

Work Experience (5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>).

Complete the feedback form on return to school.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **2009**

October 20<sup>th</sup>            Year 10 Coursework Evening  
November 24<sup>th</sup>        Year 10 Grades Issued.

### **2010**

January 5<sup>th</sup>            Year 10 online Applied French Mock exams begin  
February 8<sup>th</sup>            Year 10 GCSE MFL Speaking Assessments begin  
February 11<sup>th</sup>          Year 10 Careers Fair  
February 12<sup>th</sup>          Year 10 GCSE MFL Speaking Assessments end  
February 24<sup>th</sup>          Year 10 Parents Consultative Evening  
February 25<sup>th</sup>          Year 10 & Year 9 PTA Disco  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>              Year 10 Geography Coursework Day visit  
May 17<sup>th</sup>                Year 10 Exams begin  
June 7<sup>th</sup>                Year 10 Exams end  
June 21<sup>st</sup>                Year 10 GCSE MFL Speaking Assessments begin  
June 21<sup>st</sup>                Year 10 (all) Single and re-sit Science exams  
June 25<sup>th</sup>                Year 10 GCSE MFL Speaking Assessments end  
July 5<sup>th</sup>                Year 10 Work experience begins  
July 13<sup>th</sup>                Year 10 Record of Achievement issued

## **Year 10 Information Evening**

As this is the first time we have held an information evening for year 10 could you please complete the following evaluation form and put it in the box provided near the exit to the Drama studio. This will help us in ensuring that the programme provides parents with the information they require.

Pupil name ..... Form ..... Parent/Carer name ..... E-mail address ..... Phone .....

1 What did you find most useful about tonight's event?

2. What could we do to improve the event next time?

3. If necessary, please comment on any of the specific presentations.

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4. If you have any further questions and you would like school to contact you regarding these, please write the details below

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS EVALUATION  
HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME**