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24th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

'Countdown to Success – Making the most of Year 10 & 11' – Thursday 9th October 5pm-7pm

We would like to invite you to a special event for all Year 10 and 11 students, parents, and carers: 'Countdown to Success - Making the most of Year 10 & 11'.

You can sign in at the halls block any time from 5pm and should expect to spend around an hour on site. The evening includes:

- Video presentations from English, Maths and Science Curriculum Leaders, including revision tips and advice on how to succeed, as well as information on our new guide for students on how to revise. These can be viewed in the canteen and are available to watch in your own time.
- Teaching staff available to give specific subject advice, including exam tips and exam board information.
- Advice and tips on study skills and effective revision techniques.
- Careers/Post-16 advice and guidance.
- Representatives from Derby, Buxton and Leek Colleges, the Army, Juniper Training and Smart Gas Training, plus the B-Line Team supporting discounted travel around Derbyshire.

In addition, we will have representation from Luminate Careers. Luminate provide all students with an impartial careers interview before they leave in Year 11. Parents and students are sent an 'Action Plan' following this interview to assist students in additional research. Come and meet our advisors, they will be happy to discuss future routes with you.

Year 10 parents/carers will also be able to drop in for advice on helping their child secure work experience and receive a demonstration of how to use the Unifrog software. We are now using the Unifrog package to administer our work experience which will take place during the Summer Term 2026. Year 10 students will be required to seek a week in a suitable workplace setting; more information about the criteria for organising the work experience placements will follow in a separate letter.

Light refreshments will be provided, and a stand with free study skills resources will be available for students. Attendance in previous years has been excellent, the feedback from students and parents/carers has been very positive, and we do expect all Year 10 and 11 students to be able to attend with at least one parent/carers to make the most of these conversations with teachers, employers and careers advisors. Students will have the opportunity to collect signatures throughout the evening, which can be converted into QEGS Points.

Please complete the link to confirm able to attend or if unable to attend this event

<https://forms.office.com/e/xNi0dP9QZw>, by **Monday 6th October 2025**. Please contact me on the email address below if you would like any further information.

Yours faithfully

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