



Upton Hall School

YEAR 10 PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING



TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009



INFORMATION BOOKLET



Expectations

We have very high expectations for your daughter's;

- ❑ Academic achievement
- ❑ Personal appearance
- ❑ Behaviour and commitment to the school's ethos

We expect pupils in year 10 to set the high standards for younger pupils to aspire to.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Details of your daughter's GCSE Courses are to be found in her Key Stage 4 Option Booklet. A copy of this booklet can be found on the school website at www.uptonhallschool.co.uk.

Overview

- ❑ GCSE is a 5-term Course.
- ❑ The final term in year 11 is devoted to examinations.
- ❑ Coursework is an essential element of some GCSE Courses.
- ❑ Deadlines for coursework will be set and must be adhered to.

Year 10

- ❑ More than half the content of a GCSE Course is covered during these 3 terms.
- ❑ GCSE Modular Examinations in Mathematics, Science, Religious Studies, D&T Product, Geography and History will be taken.
- ❑ The results of these modules will count towards final GCSE grades.

Year 11

- ❑ GCSE Courses are completed.
- ❑ Mock Examinations take place during November 2010.
- ❑ Coursework will be completed by February/March 2011.
- ❑ Your daughter will have to make decisions as to what she will do after GCSE.
- ❑ She will be preparing for and taking her GCSE Examinations in May/June 2011.

Homework

- ❑ In years 10 and 11 pupils have approximately 150 minutes of homework each evening.
- ❑ Not all homework will be written; some will involve reading, learning, researching on the internet, etc.
- ❑ If homework set does not take 150 minutes your daughter should spend her remaining homework time on one of the other activities.

Targets

- ❑ Your daughter is a member of a very able year group.
- ❑ We expect her to go on and achieve excellent GCSE results.
- ❑ She should set herself high personal targets.

- Her teachers will set her individual learning goals to move her forward in each subject.

Minimum Target Grades

- Your daughter will be given minimum target grades for each of her GCSE subjects.
- These are produced nationally for the Government and Local Authorities, by an organisation called the Fischer Family Trust.
- Your daughter's target grades are the average grades achieved by girls of the same ability as her, who attend similar schools to Upton Hall School.
- These grades are not a guarantee or even a prediction. They can and will depend on your daughter's attendance and the amount of work she does.

Assessment

- Informal during every lesson.
- Formal through:
 - End of unit tests
 - End of year / mock exams.
 - GCSE modular / full exams.

Reporting

- Parent Teacher Meeting: Thursday 25 February 2010
- Full written report: July 2010
- Full written report: December 2010.

Attendance

- The school's target for attendance is 97% and it is vitally important that your daughter does not miss school unless she is really ill.
- You should telephone school on her first day of absence and send a note when she returns to school after her illness. Please mark the absent note clearly with your daughter's name, form and the dates when she was absent.
- A reminder that the absence line number is 641 8133
- Medical appointments etc. should be made outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Family holidays should not be taken during school time.
- Work copied up is not an adequate replacement for being in the lesson when a topic is taught.

Punctuality

Your daughter should aim to be on time; not just for school but also for every lesson.

Uniform

The uniform for year 10 is:

- Green Blazer
- Black Coat
- Black scarf

- ❑ Green regulation knee-length skirt
- ❑ Green jumper or green sleeveless jumper
- ❑ White blouse
- ❑ Black shoes with a low heel
- ❑ Black tights or white ankle socks
- ❑ Plain black bag
- ❑ Long hair should be tied back with a green or black band
- ❑ Only jewellery allowed is a watch and studs

Important Dates

School Mass – Metropolitan Cathedral	Saturday 7 November 2009
GCSE Modular Maths Exam	Friday 13 November 2009
GCSE Modular Science Exam	Thursday 14 January 2010
Year 10 Parent Teacher Meeting	Thursday 25 February 2010
GCSE Modular Maths Exam	Tuesday 2 March 2010
Work Experience Week	Monday 10 May 2010
Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams	November 2010
Coursework Completed	Feb/March 2011

Remaining Term Dates - 2009-2010

Autumn Term 2009

23 October 2009	School Development Day
26 – 30 October 2009	<i>Autumn Half-term</i>
18 December 2009	Term ends 1.00pm

Spring Term 2010

4 January 2010	Pupils return
15 – 19 February 2010	<i>Spring Half-term</i>
26 March 2010	Term ends 1.00pm

Summer Term 2010

12 April 2010	Pupils return
28 May 2010	School Development Day
31 May - 4 June 2010	<i>Summer Half-term</i>
16 July 2010	Term ends 1.00pm