



September 2019

Dear Parent /Carer

I would like to welcome your son or daughter to Year 10, which is the second year of our three year KS4 and therefore crucial in building upon the foundations built in Year 9 to be successful at GCSE level and beyond. Students are continuing their GCSE options, covering the content for their final examinations as well as, crucially, mastering the skills required to achieve their own personal best and preparing them for further studies, apprenticeships and the workplace post-16.

From my early visits to lessons so far this year I have seen Year 10 students working hard in lessons and taking great care with their work. Such a positive start is very encouraging and we hope that it will be maintained. My role goes beyond pastoral and safeguarding, and is also to help to maximise the progress of students in Year 10, I will be working alongside your son or daughter's tutor/mentor, subject teachers and Student Services Support Assistants in order to create the best possible chance of success. This letter contains a lot of information, which, although quite detailed, should be useful for parents, carers and students. If you require any clarification please do contact me at school.

As the intensity of the academic studies increases, so do the expectations that we must place on the quantity and quality of homework that the students produce. I would ask that you support the school in ensuring that your son / daughter's work ethic at home and school continues to develop – this is vital if the demands of Year 11 are to be met in the future. You should now be familiar with Epraise – please see the information at the bottom of this letter as a reminder.

Teachers will endeavour to allow enough time for homework to be completed, ensuring the designated day for that subject to set homework falls within that timeframe for the homework deadline. It should be noted that students must become increasingly responsible for ensuring that they don't miss homework, particularly through absence from school. The schedule for homework in Year 10 is shown below.

MONDAY	English
TUESDAY	Science 1 / Option D
WEDNESDAY	Science 2 / Option B
THURSDAY	Science 4 / Option C
FRIDAY	Maths / Option A

Science 1 indicates Combines Science and Single Science subject 1; Science 2 and 3 relate to Single Science subjects only.

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
German	French	Art	Computing
German	Geography	Enterprise & Marketing (Business)	DT
French	Geography	Drama	French
Geography	History	DT	Food
History	History	Food	iMedia
iMedia	Travel and Tourism	GCSE PE	Music
	Travel and Tourism		GCSE PE

Key dates

There are a number of points during Year 10 where you will receive progress updates and where you will have the opportunity to meet staff to discuss your son or daughter's progress. These are summarised below;

26 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
9 th December	Year 10 Progress Check
16 th January	Year 10 Parents Evening
14 th February	Year 10 Progress Check
8-19 th June	Year 10 Exams
13 th July	Year 10 Reports

Year 10 Information Evening - Thursday 26th September

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the Year 10 Information Evening on Thursday 26th September starting at 6.30pm, where you will be able to find out more about examination preparation, careers advice, work experience and course outlines.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 16th January

Parents' Evening provides an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers. You will be sent a reminder about this event nearer the date and I would ask you to encourage your son or daughter to make appointments at that time.

I very much look forward to supporting our students and their families through Year 10. There is a great team of staff to support me in this. Please contact tutors for any pastoral or academic issues where possible in the first instance, via email (see below), or the pastoral team within Student Services (formally known as the House Office) by phone.

B10A – Miss Clayton – kay.clayton@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

B10B – Mr Oaten – roger.oaten@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

H10A – Mrs Joseph – ann.joseph@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

H10B – Mrs Loveridge – lisa.loveridge@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

J10A – Mr Stevenson – mark.stevenson@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

M10A – Miss Iliff – joanne.iliff@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

Or please do contact me on the school number (ext 502) or via email (chloe.limbrick@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely,



Chloe Limbrick
Head of Year 10

epraise; homework, attendance, achievement and behaviour

Your child now has the ability to see homework details and other key information about them using a secure online system called *epraise*. Parents and carers can also use *epraise* to see key information about their child, including homework, attendance data, merit and behaviour points awarded.

GETTING STARTED

You can log in to *epraise* on a laptop, tablet or smart phone.

1. Go to **epraise.co.uk** and click **Login**
2. Search for, and choose John Masefield High School from the list – type the first few letters of the school name.
3. **Please make sure that you use the *Parents* tab**
4. In the **Email** box **enter the email address that you previously provided to the school**. You cannot access *epraise* using any other email address. If your email address isn't recognised please contact the school with your current email address so that we can update our system records. **At this stage please do not enter any details in the Password box.**
5. Click the **Login/Register** button
6. Check your email (including your junk mailbox). You should have an email from *epraise* with a secure link to follow
7. Click on the link and create your own password

FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

It's easy to reset your password. Follow the above steps from 1-5 and you'll be sent a link to reset your password.

CHANGE PASSWORD & NOTIFICATIONS

You can edit your notification settings and reset your password under **Me > Settings**

EPRAISE APP

Once you have initially logged in using the *epraise* website you can then download and use the *epraise* app from *App Store* or *Play Store*. Please note, the app provides less detail than the web version.

FEATURES

HOMEWORK

Under the **My children** tab you will see your children's names listed. To look at a child's homework details click on their name and then click on **Classnotes** (in the upper right of the screen). By clicking on **Show all** you can see homework that has been set, when it's due, and download any attachment. Another option is to click on **Planner** under the **My children** tab; you can see homework set by due date, set date or both.

ATTENDANCE

To view attendance data click on the **My children** tab and select your child. Click on **Attendance** to see your child's attendance data since the start of the school year. You can also see attendance data by morning and afternoon session for the current term. If you have any queries about the attendance information for your child please contact Student Services at school.

ACHIEVEMENTS POINTS

To view achievement points for your child click on the **My children** tab and select your child. Click on **Points** to see your child's achievement points since the start of the school year.

BEHAVIOUR POINTS

To view behaviour points for your child, click on **demerits** to view any behaviour points logged for your child.