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Introduction: Mr Pietersen – Head of Academic Progress for Year 10.

What does the Head of Academic Progress in Year 10 do?

- The Head of Academic Progress (also known as HAP) is a Support for Learning (SfL) role that focus on the academic interventions for all students within the cohort.
- Through early interventions within every curriculum area the HAP monitor and tracks each student's progress and attainment throughout the year.
- The HAP meets regularly with the Directors within every curriculum area to discuss important exam information and pinch points throughout the academic year.
- On a weekly basis, the HAP meets with the Deputy Headteacher in charge of Progress for Key Stage 4 to look at individual interventions like Attendance, Assessment and other non-academic support.
- The tutor is every parent/carer's first port of contact to discuss academic progress and how things are going in optimizing the child's full potential. This might include looking at suitable options, exam sitting strategies, support that relates to stress, a focus on attendance and many more. The HAP will assist every query that has been sent through from the tutor to find the best possible resolution for the student.
- The HAP plans and helps to coordinate Work Experience for Year 10 students. Students get information through newsletters, assemblies and tutor time activities to help support them should the Work Experience process become a bit stressful.

How can parents and the HAP work closely together?

- Use the planner to communicate messages to the tutor on issues like homework, assessments, classwork and wellbeing.
- Respond to requests put forward by the school. This might be a piece of paper that needs to be signed for giving consent for example.
- Contact the HAP if an issue has not been resolved and further help is needed to resolve an issue.
- The HAP can help assist with behaviour issues but the first port of call is to go through the subject areas first to try and get a resolution.
- The HAP will always look into finding solutions that works for all parties involved.

Should you have any issues do get in contact with me at pietersen.f@mmat.co.uk

Best wishes,
Mr Pietersen

