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Dear Parent

Year 10: Key Information

I am delighted to report that the academic year has started well. Year 10 is the start of a two year journey in the Upper School. By the end of this year your daughter will have taken at least two GCSEs and additionally be more than half way through her studies in her remaining 8.5 GCSEs.

This can make Year 10 sound like the start of a very stressful and intense time. However at school we work hard at ensuring balance. Your daughter has over 100 clubs and societies to choose from each term; there are sporting events, musicals, orchestras, dance groups and shows, debates, and so the list goes on. We celebrate students' successes and endeavour to ensure they have fun.

Please find attached a short booklet providing details on this stage of your daughter's education at Wycombe High School and how you can work with us to support your daughter.

This term your daughter will have a 'Raising Aspiration' interview with a senior member of staff. The purpose of the interview is to ensure each girl is aiming high and is on track to meet her target grades. The interview will begin the conversation about A levels, universities and careers; it will help her understand where GCSEs fit into her academic career and why she needs to do well. It highlights the need for her to fulfil her potential. You can read more about this in the attached booklet.

This academic year we will be hosting conferences focused on the social and personal development of young women. The first such conferences are being held on Monday 5 December and Tuesday 6 December at 7.00 pm. The first conference is about Alcohol Awareness and the second about the Safe Use of the Internet. We have held the second conference for parents before but if you were not able to attend we do encourage you to as it is a most informative evening. I will be writing to give you more information about these conferences and formally invite you to the first two in a separate letter.

Thank you for your continued support in your daughter's education.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Learners / Head of Upper School