



DARTON COLLEGE

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Year 10 Intervention Fortnight - Monday 2nd July - Friday 13th July

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our commitment to ensure that we provide the very best opportunities for learners at Darton College, we will be running an 'Intervention Fortnight' from **Monday 2nd July 2018 - Friday 13th July 2018**. During this time, the Year 10 timetable will be collapsed and we will offer additional accredited qualifications for all learners. Your child will access one of four courses during this two week window.

The rationale for this is underpinned by a desire to allow learners to have greater opportunities to access additional intervention in core subjects, particularly English and Maths during Year 11, while allowing us to be mindful of the well-being of our learners in the build up to, and during GCSE examinations.

The greater demand and increased difficulty of the new GCSE specifications mean that securing a qualification in Year 10 could alleviate pressure placed on learners accessing all their examinations in Year 11. This cohort of learners have not been afforded the luxury of a 3 year Key Stage 4 provision, and the implementation of the 'Intervention Fortnight' will offer greater time and opportunity to them. Having been assessed in a significant proportion of these qualifications during the 'Intervention Fortnight', the school will be able to offer greater flexibility for learners moving forward and support them in curriculum areas where their progress is not as strong.

Furthermore, and equally as important, is the drive by the school to 'broaden the horizons' of our learners. The additional accredited courses will increase the likelihood of learners accessing 5 or more 'strong passes', strengthening applications to colleges, 6th forms and employers.

The courses that will be offered have been tailored to the strengths and performance of learners in subjects that share a similar 'skill set'. This strategy has a dual purpose: it increases the likelihood of learners flourishing in this subject as the skills and knowledge they have developed in their current subjects can support the progress in the additional accredited qualification; it will facilitate development and success in the subjects that they are currently studying.

The courses that the school will offer are: LiBF Certificate in Financial Education Level 2 (CeFE), Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Award in Business, Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Award in Sport, AQA GCSE Art & Design - Photography. The course selected for your child will be communicated with you immediately after half term.

As always, the school will continue to endeavour to provide the very best possible opportunities and outcomes for the learners it serves.

Yours faithfully

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