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Year 9 News

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Head of Year Message

Welcome to a new academic year.

As we begin Year 9, I would like to congratulate our students on the hard work, commitment and progress they showed throughout Year 8. This year represents a fresh start, but it is also an opportunity to build upon the positive habits and successes already established.

Year 9 is a significant year in your educational journey. Over the coming months, students will begin making important decisions about the subjects they wish to study at GCSE. These choices will help shape the next stage of their education and influence future pathways beyond school.

For this reason, Year 9 is a year of planning ahead.

I often tell students that they are working on the most important project they will ever undertake: building their future. Like any successful project, this requires thought, preparation and informed decision-making. The choices made this year should not be based on guesswork or following others. Instead, they should be based on careful research, self-reflection and a clear understanding of individual strengths, interests and aspirations.

Between now and our Options Evening in April, students will be given a range of opportunities to explore subjects, ask questions and learn more about the pathways available to them. Our aim is to ensure that every student is equipped with the knowledge and confidence needed to make informed decisions when the time comes.

Alongside this, we will continue to develop the strong work ethic, resilience and positive attitudes that have already begun to take shape. Success in Year 9 will come from students taking ownership of their learning, their choices and their personal development.

I am excited to see what this year brings and look forward to supporting our students as they take the next important steps in their journey. I wish all of Year 9 a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Mr Bansal - Head of Year 9

Upcoming Dates

12th Sept – 11+ examination day – an opportunity to help the school community

22nd October – open evening – another opportunity

23rd October Last day of this half term and non-uniform day

Personal Development

- Drug awareness – legal and illegal
- Career option
- What are my skills?
- Unifrog registration