

Year 9 Newsletter

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Welcome

Firstly, I hope all parents and carers enjoyed the half-term break.

Summer term provides an excellent opportunity to lay the foundations for a successful Key Stage 4. It seems unbelievable that in less than two years the year group will be completing their GCSE exams.

The final half-term promises to be a great platform for our students to make an excellent start to the next academic year. There is no ceiling on our students potential and I look forward to helping them make very second count.

Mr Tootle

Mrs Bibby



Achievement
Leader



Head of Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year

Achievement

We continue to celebrate the success of our students that continue to shine. Particular credit to the following students who make-up our 'Top Ten' highest achievement points scorers for May:

Cohen W (9U)
Maisie R (9U)
Ashtonjay H (9O)
Reece R (9U)
Zak H (9O)
Myles B (9G)
Lexi C (9U)
Darcie G (9U)
Louis D (9G)
Oliver B (9U)



Winner Student of the Month - May
Congratulations Lucia B



Curriculum Spotlight

This edition focuses on what students will be studying in History and Geography in the following weeks

In **History** lessons Year 9 students have recently completed studying the origins and key events of World War 2. Students will be completing the academic year by studying Holocaust.

In **Geography** students have recently completed studying a range of natural resource case studies. Students will now be completing a topic on sustainability.

Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities remains student attendance. A key message that is shared with students is "better attendance leads to better academic outcomes". We have an aspirational target that we want all students to strive to achieve which is 96% and above and we work hard with students to achieve this. I have been working closely with Assistant Principal Mr. Hodgson to provide a range of prizes and incentives to reward those students for weekly and cumulative attendance across the half-term.

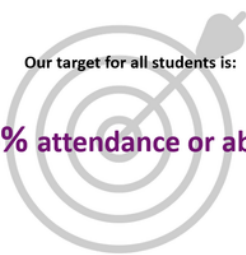
Our reward strategy will continue to be a key feature of our assemblies in Year 9 and attendance a key criterion for participation in rewards events. Please do continue to support your child in attending school on a regular basis.

Find us here:



Our target for all students is:

96% attendance or above



Assessment Focus

Tracking 3 exams took place w/c 3 June 2024. Students were encouraged to continue preparations with revision materials with rewards for those students producing exam resources!

Tracking reports will be circulated before the end of half-term.



Reading Spotlight

Year 9 have two Ready to Learn sessions each week devoted to Reading (Thursday and Friday).

At present Band 1 are continuing to read Noughts and Crosses (Malorie Blackman) and Band 2 are reading Grow (Luke Palmer).

As always, we would remind parents and carers that students are eligible to visit and borrow books from our own library. There are wide range of titles to chose from and we hope students will take advantage of this opportunity.

Additionally, regular reading interventions are taking place for selected academy students.



Home Learning Focus

Home learning tasks continue to be set on ClassCharts. Support from parents and carers is always hugely appreciated and valued in this area. Log-in codes are available at request from myself. Computers remain available for students to complete their homework during break, lunch and after school until 3.40pm. These are available in E-Block and students' use is always encouraged. Many home learning tasks are designed to feed into the following sequence of lessons, so it is paramount that students hand their home learning task in on time.

Research from Educational Endowment Foundation has highlighted regular completion of home learning as a 'high impact strategy' to help ensure student success. We remain committed to ensuring we support students in their successful completion of this.

Aspirations

Parents and carers from Year 9 have been invited to attend a Key Stage 4 Readiness Conference which will be taking place later this term.

Invitations have been issued with the opportunity to attend on either Tuesday 9 July or Thursday 11 July.

These sessions will provide a key insight into the best ways to support your child in advance of starting GCSEs.

Please if you have any further queries on this matter do not hesitate to contact me directly on



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Trips and Events

Well done to all students who were part of our rewards programme. It is really pleasing to see so many of our students meet our high expectations on a daily basis.

Those students with excellent punctuality have already been rewarded for their efforts in the past half-term and I continue to encourage all students in Year 9 to continue with these good habits.

We are already planning our summer themed rewards event. Those students with excellent behaviour, attendance and attitude to learning will all be eligible.

Please feel free to email me with any queries

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