

Letter to All Year 9 Parents

10 October 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware from our letter dated 4 October 2011 you will have an opportunity to review your son/daughter’s progress with his/her tutor on Thursday 20 October at our Year 9 Parents/Tutor/Mentor Evening. To inform our discussions we hope you will find your child’s interim report (enclosed) useful and, as Year 9 is a critical year, including Option Choices, we would encourage you to attend and bring this report with you.

During the evening, and in addition to a discussion with either your child’s tutor or mentor, you will also have the opportunity to attend relevant and informative sessions led by key members of staff involved in supporting your son/daughter through the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4. In addition to ‘Coping with the young adult’, with Dennise Carpenter, our Parental Support Advisor, these sessions have now been expanded to include:

- ‘Introducing Parents and Pupils to Information on Careers Advice and Guidance’ with Mr Germaine, 14-19 Co-ordinator
- ‘Achievement on Transition to Key Stage 4’ with Miss Skerten, Assistant Head

As in his/her previous reports, your son/daughter’s Year 9 Interim Report has an attainment grade for each subject, expressed as a National Curriculum level. The levels are further divided into a, b and c, so Level 4a, for example, would be a high Level 4 and Level 5c would be a low Level 5. For your information we have included overleaf the distribution of grades awarded by subject so you can see where your child’s grade fits in with the rest of the year group.

The “target grade” is based on pupils’ prior attainment and is the level they should be aiming for by the end of the academic year. The report also has grades for Effort, Homework and Behaviour, all of which are graded as Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement. Where the homework grade is blank it means the subject does not set homework.

You will receive a further interim report in February and you will have an opportunity to meet with your son/daughter’s subject teachers at our Year 9 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 9 February. Another very important date for your diary is Thursday 26 January, when you will have the opportunity to learn more about your child’s options at our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening. Our Year 9 Records of Achievement will be shared with parents in May, before your son/daughter moves into Year 10 in June 2012. The key dates for Year 9 are detailed overleaf.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Yours sincerely

Chiquita Henson
Headteacher

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REVISED Year 9 Parent/Tutor/Mentor Evening Reply Slip
Please return to the Secretaries Office by Friday 14 October 2011

*Please indicate which workshops you would like to attend.

Workshop	Room	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Coping with the Young Adult	E3	6.00 – 6.20pm	6.30 – 6.50pm	7.00 – 7.20pm
Careers Advice & Guidance – the next steps	E4		6.30 – 6.50pm	7.00 – 7.20pm
Supporting achievement at KS3 & KS4	E5		6.30 – 6.50pm	7.00 – 7.20pm

Child’s Name: Tutor Group: