



## Year 9

# Term 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Year 9 have made a very positive start to the year and remain a pleasure to work with. I often hear from teachers, "I love my Year 9s," which is a joy! This term's Values focus is empathy; in particular being concerned for our school community. Our assemblies have been on the related topics of European Day of Languages, Neurodiversity, Mental health and Black History month. We are lucky to have so many highly empathetic students who respect and look out for each other.

In our termly celebration assembly this week we celebrated:

- Students with the top 20 house points in the year, and those with the top 10 in each form.
- Forms with the top 5 house points. 9MSR were the champions for the first time!
- Sporting successes, particularly the boys' U14 football team's recent 8-3 win, and the girls' U14 County Cup team's incredible 16-0 victory!
- Students with an impeccable behaviour for learning record.
- Students with 100% attendance.

Please do encourage your child to shout about their achievements in and out of school, if they would like a mention.

Some students are very close to achieving 150 house points, and bronze certificates and badges will be given out next term.

Form tutors and I have been carrying out interventions with targeted students based on their Census 2 report from July, in preparation for their next assessments in November and December. These interventions will continue next term. Our aim is to help students to convert their "Working Belows" to "Working Ats," especially in the subjects they will be selecting for GCSE. The options process starts after Christmas; details will follow.

A reminder that your child's form tutor is always your first point of contact and they will refer you to other members of staff when required.

As always, we really appreciate your continued support and we wish you a relaxing end of term break.

Yours faithfully,

Lowri Briggs  
Performance Leader of Year 9

## Upcoming Events

### Start of Term 2:

Monday 30 October  
(Week B)

### Christmas Concert

Tuesday 19 December,  
featuring a variety of soloists,  
and ensembles in drama,  
musical theatre and dance

### Term 2 ends

Wednesday 20 December

## Student Reminders

### Uniform

Blazers must be worn at all times around school.

Before purchasing any uniform items, please read the uniform policy on the website.

The policy outlines the appropriate style and length of skirt. Short, tight, stretchy skirts are not permitted.

Remember that hair colours must be natural, including for braids.

No bracelets, necklaces, hoop or dangly earrings for school please.