



Year 9

Term 5 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very serious end to the term, with our bi-annual two-week assessment period. This included students sitting their 3 science assessments in the hall, to give them the full GCSE experience. Yes, it is only two years until they will be doing it for real! In the first exam, I was in the hall when the invigilator said "you can now start," accompanied by a flurry of papers. It was a very moving moment to think about how far they have come in three years and the possibilities that lie open to them over the next two. I would also like to commend every single student for their outstanding behaviour lining up and going into the exam. This was commented on by Mr Wakefield, our deputy head, and I was immensely proud of them.

It was fitting then, that this term's Values focus was Hardworking: Practice, Perseverance & Resilience. Our assemblies included a very powerful "Everyone Can" presentation by a year 12 student who had often found learning difficult. She urged year 9 not to give up easily, and reassured them that continual hard work really does pay off. Despite her struggles in KS3, she has gone on to achieve excellent GCSE grades, including some grade 9s.

In our termly celebration assembly this week, I was honoured to praise:

-Students with the top 20 house points, both this year and this term, and those with the top 10 in each form. We already have 9 students who have achieved their Platinum award (500 points); a fantastic achievement.

- Students with the top 10 house points for demonstrating this term's values of Practice, Perseverance and Resilience .

-Forms with the top 5 house points this year and this term. 9RTW were our new champions in both categories, so huge congratulations to them! 9CN were very close runners up for most house points this term.

-Sporting successes of our boys' and girls' football teams. Our boys recently won the county cup, with an incredible 6-0 victory over NSB and our girls (made up of year 8 and 9) were county cup runners up. Both teams were highly praised for their dedication and commitment by their PE teacher-managers.

-Students with an impeccable behaviour for learning record.

-Students with 97%+ attendance.

Students in the latter two categories are always entered into a random name generator to win a small edible prize.

Upcoming Events

Return to school

Monday 3rd June
WEEK A

Census reports due on Edulink

Wc 17th June

Term 6 ends

Friday 19th July
(7 week term)

Uniform 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.

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

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

I am proud of our high standards of uniform in year 9, and the Tutor team and I would like to thank you for all your support. Please see the previous page for uniform reminders.

I apologise that the GCSE choices have not yet been confirmed, this will happen early next term.

As always, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance with any queries of if he/she needs any extra support.

Enjoy the bank holiday, and the rest of the week if you have time off.

Yours faithfully,

Lowri Briggs
Performance leader of year 9