

# Year 9 Spring Term 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our students on track to graduate at the end of last term. Thank you for your support in ensuring that so many year 9 students had such good attendance and in helping them to maintain a positive attitude to learning.

## Team 9

There has been one change of tutor, with Ms Ordu leaving 9.2, and Mr Butt taking over. As always, in addition to the staff listed below, we have the direct support of two Student Support Mentors, Ms Gould and Ms Murray.



Mrs Edwards



Ms Hutchinson



Miss Graham



Miss Miller

- 9.1 Ms Fell
- 9.2 Mr Butt
- 9.3 Dr Millett
- 9.4 Mrs Fletcher
- 9.5 Ms Gaffer

- 9.6 Mrs Vincent and Mr Myers
- 9.7 Mr Brown
- 9.8 Miss Crickmore
- 9.9 Ms Reddington

## Coming up this year for Y9

We have highlighted the events to which parents and carers are invited, and hope to see you at the events relevant to your child.

Monday 28 January  
Tuesday 29 January  
Thursday 14 February

and

**Thursday 14 February**  
**Saturday 16 February – Sunday 24 February**

**Tuesday 26 February**  
Friday 1 March  
Friday 8 & 15 March  
Wednesday 13 March onwards  
Monday 18 March onwards  
Friday 12 April  
**Saturday 13 April – Sunday 28 April**

Monday 6 May  
Monday 13 May onwards  
**Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 June**

*Tapestry* theatre group workshops  
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*Round Midnight* theatre group performance for all,

workshop for 30 students  
**Year 9 Options Evening (5pm–6pm)**  
**Half-term holiday**

**HA Students – Parents Info Evening (5pm–6pm)**  
*Elevate* study skills workshops for 140 students  
Vaccinations  
Y9 Trenches trip  
Y9 Booster Week  
KS3 students not in school  
**Easter holiday**

Bank Holiday – students not in school  
Y9 tests  
**Half-term holiday**

Friday 14 June  
Monday 24 June onwards  
Friday 28 June  
**Tuesday 16 July**  
**Wednesday 17 July**  
**Thursday 18 July**  
Saturday 20 July onwards

HPV vaccinations (girls only)  
Y9 Booster Week  
Teacher Day – students not in school  
**9.1, 9.2, 9.3 Graduation ceremony (5pm–6pm)**  
**9.4, 9.5, 9.6 Graduation ceremony (5pm–6pm)**  
**9.7, 9.8, 9.9 Graduation ceremony (5pm–6pm)**  
Summer holiday

### Skills 4 Life

We have had our first two half-terms of Skills 4 Life (S4L) during tutor time, covering leadership and organisation and teamwork. Feedback from the students showed that they enjoyed the challenges that go with the S4L programme. They will be taking on their organisation and teamwork challenge this half-term, and their resilience and respect challenge in the lead up to the Easter holidays.

### Options

It was lovely to see so many of you at our subject evening before Christmas. We hope to see everyone again at our Year 9 options evening on Thursday 14 February. We will give two identical talks in the school hall during the evening, one at 5pm and one at 5.40pm. You will be able to pick up an options booklet for your child as you arrive, giving details of all the subjects available to them and the options process itself. The teachers of each of the options subjects will be at stalls in the concourse outside the hall to answer your questions.

### Graduation

We are seeing year 9 students developing increasingly good learning skills and habits, to take them forward into their GCSE and level 2 courses next year. In order to ensure they get the best chances in those qualifications, it is important that by the end of this year they are all displaying positive behaviour for learning, and their attendance is at meeting or exceeding the school's target of 95%.

As we have already let you know, we mark the importance of this year, and the transition from KS3 to KS4, by inviting parents to a graduation ceremony in our school marquee at the end of the year. Y9 graduates will receive a certificate of graduation and a KS4 tie, and will be ready to take themselves into the next phase of their learning. This is a fabulous event, and one to make you proud!

The good learning habits we will be celebrating include:

- Good attendance
- Good punctuality
- Positive behaviour
- Good attitude to learning
- Good progress

We sincerely hope to see all of Year 9 and yourselves at the graduation ceremonies at the end of this coming year.