

Year 9 – Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term – Edition 1



Welcome to the first edition of our Parent Newsletter from the Year 9 team!

The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight key points of information which are specific to your child's year group. We hope you find these interesting and useful. As ever, if you have any suggestions or feedback regarding our communication please do get in touch.

The usual weekly bulletin information is also included at the end of this newsletter.

Key Stage 4 Options

Year 9 is the year that students select their GCSE and BTEC options and it is crucial students are keeping this front of mind. Taster lessons are currently being offered by a range of subjects to give students an idea of what the routes will entail. Please have regular conversations about which subjects they are finding interesting and that they are doing well in. If you or your child has any questions about the options available, please contact subject teachers to find out about what you can expect. More information will be issued about the options process in February.

Uniform

Thank you to parents for your support with uniform this term; students have done a great job and are looking really smart! Please be aware that any type of trainers are not permitted and any student coming into school with trainers will have to wear plimsols. The only exception to this is for medical reasons and a note from a medical professional is needed as evidence.

Enrichment Day

Year 9 represented the school fantastically well on our recent enrichment day. All students were a joy to take out to Bletchley Park and the Science Museum and were also incredibly patient upon being stuck in a lot of traffic on the way back. We send apologies to those parents who were affected by our late return.

Extra note! On our school trip to the science museum, there was a pair of headphones and a power bank left on the coach. These are in Mr Pitcock's office and if you believe they belong to your child please get in touch or send them along; students will need to describe them so they go to the rightful owner.

Sporting Achievements

Year 9 sports is flourishing with the girl's netball team gaining 4th place in their first tournament and the boy's football team continue their success with a 4-2 victory against St Alban's this week.

One of our students took part in a golf tournament outside of school, besting 9 competitors to take first place!

Academic Achievements

Year 9 currently have just under 30,000 positive points from lessons which is an incredible achievement so early on in the academic year! 9LBK are leading the way with almost 6000 positive points.



Duke of Edinburgh

Over 30 Year 9 students have jumped at the opportunity to develop their personal skills by taking on the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We are so proud of them and excited to see their progress.

Key dates

- Spring Term assessment week: wc. 27th January
- Year 9 Parents Evening & Reports: Wednesday 5th March
- Deadline for Options Choices: 21st March
- Summer Term assessment week: wc. 2nd June
- End of year report: July

Form tutor contacts:

Your child's form tutor is a useful point of contact for most queries. Alternatively all subject teachers can also be contacted via email.

- 9AFE: a.felgate@oeacademy.co.uk
- 9ATS: a.twaits@oeacademy.co.uk
- 9LBK: l.bradbrook@oeacademy.co.uk
- 9MBA: m.bienikova@oeacademy.co.uk
- 9MGD: m.gould@oeacademy.co.uk
- 9SDS: s.daniels@oeacademy.co.uk

Year team contacts:

- Head of Year: Mr Pitcock (r.pitcock@oeacademy.co.uk)
- Assistant Head of Year: Mr Robey (n.robey@oeacademy.co.uk)

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Events wc. 18th November

Week 1	
Monday 18 th November	Year 11 Mock Exams continue
Tuesday 19 th November	
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 8 Reports Published
Thursday 21 st November	
Friday 22 nd November	

Art Competition

We have an exciting Art competition launching soon, please keep your eyes peeled for the details which will be released in the next few weeks.

