



5 April 2019

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 End of Spring Term Letter

The Easter holidays are almost upon us and as we enter into the summer term, it is staggering just how quickly Year 9 is going by. I am immensely proud of the progress that students in Year 9 have made this year, adapting to life in Key Stage 4 and settling into their GCSE studies with great enthusiasm. Students have managed the difficult transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 exceptionally well and now, with the support of the College, are progressing at great pace. The success of the Year 8 Option Process and the guidance provided to students has put us in a position where the vast majority of students are settled in subjects they are enjoying.

It has been a hugely successful year so far for our students, with significant successes both academically and in their extra-curricular endeavours. The range of excellence and talent within the Year Group is astonishing, and it is a pleasure to see this play out over the year for our students. I hope this continues for them through the remainder of the year and into the following academic years. Successes are wide ranging and include top performances by our Rugby and Football teams, Gymnastics squads and many more! This is supported by a wide range of enrichment opportunities with charity work, drama and music productions. Bridging the gap between the academic and extra-curricular activities, there have been a wide range of trips running throughout the year. Included in this were the English trips to the theatre, to see A Christmas Carol, and the upcoming trip to see Blood Brothers.

This year has also seen a range of speakers coming into assembly for Year 9, giving the students the opportunity to hear stories and successes from a range of different sources of inspiration. This includes some of the charity representatives from the charities which our students have been supporting through their work within College and Mufti Days. Comic Relief saw a significant amount of fund raising and wide range of activities taking place within the College. As part of this, all Year 9 students have been given the opportunity to vote for a chosen charity to support during the year.

This year saw the appointment of our Head Boy and Girl for the Year Group, something that took place across the College. We are now seeing the impact of the initiatives they have been working on; ranging from environmental impact to College Voice and improvement ideas. They are doing a great job, and their support is always welcomed. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the staff at the College for all of the support and expertise they are giving to our Year 9 students.

May I wish you all a restful Easter Holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back to College on Tuesday, 23 April 2019.

Key Dates

Year 9 Parents' Evening: Wednesday, 8 May 2019

Enrichment Week: Monday, 1 July to Friday, 5 July 2019

Yours faithfully

Matt Kibler

Head of Year 9

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