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Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 9 End of Term Letter

As this academic year draws to a close, we are able to reflect on all the successes and achievements of Year 9. It has been an absolute privilege to be Head of Year of such a fantastic Year Group. I remember discussions with the students at the end of Year 8 about their options choices and the nervousness in which they started their GCSE courses with fear of the unknown and the "what if" questions! Having moved through the first year of Key Stage 4, the progress every student has made has been phenomenal. It has been great to see the progression made by our students this year, and I feel that they have grown significantly in confidence.

The range of talents on show from Year 9 is unbelievable, with so many successes, including National Rugby success, many of our students competing and representing the College at the English Track and Field cup, as well as national representation in Gymnastics. It is simply inspiring to see the exemplary efforts made by our students and to share the success that they have worked so hard to earn. Throughout the year we have had a range of opportunities to see some of the musical and dramatic abilities of Year 9, and again it is amazing to see the talents of so many of our students developing.

I would also like to thank you for the support provided for Enrichment Week and as Head of Year, getting the chance to interact with many of my Year Group outside of the normal College environment has been a real highlight for me this year and I hope that all of our students thoroughly enjoyed their week and have come back feeling enriched!

As we move into Year 10, students will get the chance to experience mock examinations during the summer term, preparing them in advance for their examination year and will develop their knowledge and understanding of their GCSE courses to a greater extent throughout the year. I look forward to seeing them approach this with maturity and to see the progress they will again make in this year. Students will get the opportunity to experience the world of work through work experience placements in the summer term; hopefully a process which they will gain significant understanding about their future pathways.

This year we have had a great team around our students supporting to ensure they get the most from their time at the College. As Head of Year I would not have been able to fulfil my role without the support from our Tutors, a fantastic group who have worked to ensure that students feel safe and have a consistent start to their day. In addition I would like to thank Miss Cotton, Assistant Head of Year, who has played an important role in the success of this year; her personable and enthusiastic approach to caring for the students is something that will be missed next year.

Finally I must thank you as parents. Your support and partnership has been so important in achieving the success we have had this year. I am excited to see what next year has to offer for Year 9 as they move into Year 10, and am ever hopefully for even more successes for us to celebrate.

Yours faithfully

Matt Kibler
Head of Year 9

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