



Welcome Back Year 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and your child to the new school year. I hope you have all had a restful summer and that your child has made a positive start to Year 9.

I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's Head of Learning this year. I am very much looking forward to supporting them as they continue to grow in confidence, independence and maturity. Together, I hope we can develop young people who are curious in thought, courageous in action and confident in themselves, with the ambition and resilience to make the most of the opportunities ahead. I look forward to working closely with you to provide the empowering support that will help every student flourish.

As I'm sure you are aware, Year 9 is an important year. Students are beginning to put a sharper focus on their futures and, before long, will be making choices about their GCSE subjects. Alongside these academic developments, I want Year 9 to be a year in which students feel happy, supported and proud of the progress they are making.

I also want to ensure that communication between school and home remains strong. If there are circumstances that may affect your child's wellbeing, progress or experience at school, please do get in touch so that we can work together to provide the right support.

Please find below some important dates for the year ahead. I would particularly like to highlight our *Year 9 Parent and Carer Engagement Evening*, which will take place on **Monday 12th October 2026 at 6.00pm** via Microsoft Teams. This will be a valuable opportunity to hear more about Year 9 and find out how you can best support your child as they progress through this important stage of their education. The link to join will be shared nearer the time. If you have any questions, you would like answered at the Engagement Evening, please fill out [this form](#) in advance. Please note that some of the dates below may be subject to change and we will communicate any significant amendments where necessary.

Key Dates

12 th October 2026	Year 9 Parent and Carer Engagement Evening (online)
20 th October 2026	Year 9 Careers Event
21 st October 2026	Year 9 Careers Event
5 th December 2026	Christmas Fair
10 th December 2026	Carol Service
14 th December 2026	Year 9 Grade Card 1 issued
4 th February 2027	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening
8 th March 2027	Year 9 Grade Card 2 issued
11 th March 2027	Year 9 Parent's Evening (virtual)
12 th April 2027	Start of Year 9 Assessment Week
14 th June 2027	Year 9 Grade Card 3 issued
18 th June 2027	Start of Enrichment (3 days) TBC

1 st July 2027	Sports Day
7 th July 2027	Fancy Dress 5K

I am very excited about the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring for our students. I look forward to working with you and your child and to celebrating their successes, supporting them through challenges and helping them make the most of their Year 9 experience.

Here's to a happy, successful and positive year ahead.

Warmest regards,

Miss H Walker

Head of Learning for Year 9