



Year 9 Future Pathways – Limitless Ambitions Study Programme

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our Year 9 students as part of our Future Pathways Programme: the launch of our **Limitless Ambitions Study Programme**, an enrichment programme designed to help students “back themselves and think without limits.”

The Limitless Ambitions Study Programme aims to support ambitious, curious, and high-achieving students who want to stretch their thinking beyond the classroom. The club will run **once a week at lunchtime**, led by a dedicated team of sixth form students who will guide participants through challenging ideas, big questions, and advanced academic thinking.

Each half term, a new group of Year 9 students will have the chance to take part, enabling wider access across the year group.

Students who join the Limitless Ambitions Study Programme will:

- Take part in high-level academic debates.
- Explore complex questions across philosophy, ethics, science, literature, politics, and global issues.
- Develop confidence in expressing and defending ideas.
- Learn to think critically, respond thoughtfully, and communicate clearly.
- Build the intellectual habits expected of students aiming for competitive academic pathways and top universities.

This opportunity is ideal for students who enjoy being challenged, asking big questions, thinking independently, and exploring ideas from different perspectives.

How to Apply?

Students who would like to be considered for the programme are invited to submit a short application. This includes a **200-word written response** to a philosophical dilemma: ***Should books ever be banned?***

Full details of the application task and guidance have been emailed directly to Year 9 students. All work must be the student’s own original thinking.

We strongly encourage interested students to apply—whether they are aspiring academics, natural debaters, or simply curious thinkers who enjoy exploring new ideas.

If you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to supporting our Year 9 students as they challenge themselves and explore new academic pathways.

Yours faithfully,

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