

Year 9 Parent Notes

We would like to thank all year 9 students that helped out during last week's successful Open Evening. We have received a great amount of praise from prospective parents and students alike regarding the efforts of our tour guides and students who helped out in subject rooms. Each student played an integral part in ensuring the evening ran so smoothly and is a true reflection of how proud they all are to be Oxted students.

Year 9 grades will be entered by teachers next week, meaning grades will be sent home by the end of next week detailing where your son/daughter is currently working in all of their subjects.

It would be beneficial if you have meaningful conversations with them after they have been sent home with a view to what this potentially means about the Options they are thinking of taking. The options process is all about self-reflection for our Year 9 students and is about picking the right subjects for them based upon their own grades. If they want to take a certain subject at GCSE does their Current Working Grade reflect this? If not what needs to happen quickly so that they can take that subject if they are sure it is the one for them?

Following on from the grade sheets being sent home Year 9 Progress Review Evening happens on Thursday 2 November 2017. This is an excellent opportunity for all Year 9 students to start to have those important conversations about their suitability to take certain subjects. The evening should also focus on the progress they have made and what is still left to be done if they are thinking about taking that subject to ensure success in the future. We would urge students to use this evening effectively and come prepared to ask questions about what they need to do to improve, especially in subjects they are considering to take through to GCSE.

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask if you could continue to encourage your son/daughter to seek their sponsorship money for the sponsored walk. Money should be handed in to the Finance Office no later than Monday 30 October.

We hope that you have a good weekend.

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