

Year 9 Parent Notes

We are now over a week in and the majority of Year 9 have settled extremely well. This week's tutor activities have focused on reflection of last year's progress. Students have been asked to consider what they were most proud of last year and what goals they would like to achieve this year. Next week they will be making SMART targets to allow them to reach these goals.

Please do ask your son/daughter about their own personal goals and how they plan to realise them over the coming year. The theme for this year is 'building resilience'. It would be brilliant if you could support what we are doing at school by having conversations with your child about what it means to be resilient in life and how they can achieve this, both in school and out of school.

Not every student has a planner this year as all homework will be posted on FROG, our school Virtual Learning Environment. Planners are still available to purchase should a student want one. If your son/daughter is keen you can purchase one online through your school account or your son/daughter can take cash to the Finance Office during break or lunch. The cost of a planner is £3.00.

Please check your child's FROG page every night to ensure that they are managing their homework effectively. Most homework's are not marked using the FROG programme and so it may appear as though your child has not completed it or not had it marked. Please be aware that their work is most likely to be marked in school as a paper submission. You will know if your child is not keeping up with home work through the conversations that you have with them and through their behaviour point score on their FROG page.

We pride ourselves on the huge range of enrichment activities that are available for the students to participate in at Oxted School. Some of the most popular clubs are chess club, badminton, the debating society, football, and orchestra. In addition, we also have an exciting school production this year called 'Anything Goes', and students have had the chance to audition to take part. There are also opportunities for students who do not wish to act to take part as well.

If your child has not started doing any enrichment activities, please encourage them to, even if it is to try something new that they have never done as it would be hugely beneficial to them. The full list of enrichment opportunities are linked on the school bulletin.

An upcoming enrichment activity is the sponsored walk which takes place on Friday 29 September. Sponsorship forms can be found on the school website via the link on the school bulletin. Please encourage your son/daughter to actively seek sponsorship for taking part in this walk from friends and family as the funds which are raised are reinvested for the wider benefit of Oxted School students. It is also an excellent day for Year 9 students to strengthen the bonds that they have.

Another enrichment activity which all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to take part in is the Duke of Edinburgh Award. More information will be shared with them later on in the term but it could be something for them to start thinking about taking part in. The link below will take you to the relevant page: <http://www.oxtedschool.org/69/duke-of-edinburgh-award>

We look forward to seeing you at the Year 9 parent information evening on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Main Hall.

We hope that you have a good weekend.

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