

## Year 9 Parent Notes

The first week back after half term will include the Year 9 Progress Review Evening on Thursday 2 November. Letters with further information and appointment sheets for students can be found on the school website under Information > Letters home.

Students should be taking responsibility of making appointments with class teachers in their lessons. The Progress Review Evening is an excellent opportunity for all Year 9 students to start to have meaningful conversations about their suitability to take certain subjects for GCSE. 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 will be focussing on offering support to our year 9 students after half term and into the spring term to help them with their GCSE choices. There will be a workshop for the whole year in early December looking at self-awareness, decision making skills and career options. Oxted can also offer one to one meetings with a careers adviser from Innervate to help with the next step and longer term career decisions.

The meetings are an opportunity to:

- Talk through how things are going at the moment and get ideas to help with any issues
- Consider GCSE options
- Discuss longer term ideas and plans – post Year 11, sixth form, college, apprenticeships etc.

Each meeting is followed up with a detailed action plan which is reviewed with the students tutor and sent home. Our careers adviser, Mrs Seager, also encourages the students to refer back to her for extra support or with questions or the need for more information. She is available for drop in sessions every Wednesday and Thursday lunch time.

If you are keen for your child to attend one of these meetings or have any queries please email Mrs Seager to let her know so that she can book a time. [sseager@oxtedschool.co.uk](mailto:sseager@oxtedschool.co.uk)

In the meantime, to help prepare both parents and students alike for the Progress Review Evening and the focus on options from next half term, the following websites may be particularly useful:

- [www.careersadviceinsurrey.co.uk](http://www.careersadviceinsurrey.co.uk)
- [successatschool.org](http://successatschool.org)
- [icould.com](http://icould.com)
- [www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects)

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope that you have a good weekend and a lovely half term.

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