

Year 9 Parent Notes

In the final week of term assembly focused on reflection, celebration and looking forward. Students were encouraged to start reflecting on their year so far and to start considering whether they are 'GCSE ready'.

Each tutor nominated a 'Tutee of the Term' with a brief explanation, which was celebrated in assembly and tutor time:

- 9TD - Louise May - she's so positive, and we agreed as a form that standing up in whole school house assemblies to present on her visual impairment was really brave
- 9TG – Tom Simpson –for always being ready to take the lead and bring the form together
- 9TH – Emily Darrell Brown – she is always polite, thoughtful and hard working
- 9GS – Nathan Iles – he is very positive in tutor time, gives lots of good discussion points during debates
- 9GA - Skye Whelan - for always being positive, polite and helpful
- 9GO - Louisa Buttery - for consistently having a positive attitude in regard to her behaviour, learning and achievement
- 9DG – Evan Moynihan - for being an all-round wonderful student
- 9DS - Connor Horn – he is always doing the right thing, works hard and does not always get recognition
- 9DT - Isabelle Haywood – very caring and kind, superb effort and a valuable asset to 9DT and the school
- 9FM - Hannah MacDonnell - for showing a consistently positive attitude and approach to tutor time activities
- 9FR – Caitlin O'Neill - always a positive, happy and polite member of our class and a caring friend to others in the tutor group
- 9FG- Lottie Kerr - for her resilience and excellent attitude to learning
- 9SN – Lydia Domingues - always puts in the effort
- 9SH – Tom Davies - he is a good tutee and was fully involved with the school production
- 9SO – Amelia Kemsley - positive about school, volunteers for anything I need, is always helpful in tutor time and always makes positive choices about behaviour and friendship issues

Looking forward, the options process will begin in January. Firstly, a set of grades will be sent home highlighting student's Flight Path Grades and Approach to Learning. There will also be a launch assembly where the Options process will be explained to every Year 9 student and some of those subjects not taught at Key Stage 3 (e.g. business studies and classics) will come in and speak a little bit about what the courses involve.

The main event will be the Options Evening in January where students will come in and take a look at all of the possible subjects they can pick. The purpose of this evening is not to go into every room, but go into the subjects students are thinking of taking and asking them serious questions about the course, what skills they need etc.

But for now, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your ongoing support. We hope both students and parents alike get a chance to relax and recharge their batteries, ready for a positive start in 2018!

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