

Year 9 Parent Notes

Year 9 had their first assembly on Wednesday this week, focusing on resilience and goal setting. Following this, students are being asked to create three SMART targets during tutor time – these can range from academic goals such as 'I want to go from a grade 4 to 5 in English by Christmas', to school-wide goals such as 'I will attend an enrichment club before October half term', or 'I will gain 50 achievement points by Christmas'.

These SMART targets will be sent home for you to sign and return to tutors. This is an opportunity to have a positive conversation with your son/daughter about the year to come and how they plan to succeed both in and out of lessons. These targets will be reviewed in tutor time before Christmas, to see how students are progressing.

Students were also introduced to Showtime in this week's assembly. Showtime is an acronym for 'Supporting Homework = Outstanding Work' and will be commencing at the end of September. Showtime will be offered to all students to attend after school, where a teacher will be in a quiet study area to allow students time and support to complete homework. However, those students with a number of behaviour points for no homework will be asked to attend twice a week, with parental agreement, to ensure students get into good routines with homework completion.

Finally in assembly, Mr Wheatley's positive behaviour prize draw was introduced. All students who have 100% attendance, no behaviour points in the past week and over 10 achievement points in the past week will be entered every fortnight. This is to encourage positive behaviour and celebrate those students who are doing the right thing. During our assemblies we also celebrate the two tutor groups who have collectively gained the most amount of achievement points in the fortnight and least amount of behaviour points, this week that was 9GO and 9FG – well done!

A reminder that next Friday is the school's traditional sponsored walk. We are looking to raise as much money as possible to further support the students at Oxted School.

Students should all have a sponsorship form in the colour of their House. Spares can be found on the school website. Please sponsor your children who will be walking the surrounding countryside of Oxted within their House.

It is a fantastic opportunity for the Year 9 students to feel they belong to their House. Students will be required to take a packed lunch and plenty of drink, please avoid students taking fizzy drinks. Students should also have sun cream and a hat, in case of hot weather. A packed lunch will be collected on the morning of the sponsored walk for those students who receive Free School Meals.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parent Information Evening on Thursday, we hope you found it useful and informative. Any questions, please feel free to contact us on the email addresses below, or regarding individual student queries, tutors should be contacted as a first port of call.

The Year 9 Family Learning Event will be taking place on Thursday 28 September, only a select number of students have been invited to this, of whom parents should have received an email invitation and/or a phone call from tutors. Please do let us know whether you can attend or not, as this will affect numbers to be catered for.

We hope that you have a good weekend.

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