

Year 9 Parent Notes

Firstly, we want to thank those who attended the Family Learning Event this week. It was fantastic to see so many people there and I hope you and your son/daughter found it beneficial.

We would also like to congratulate every Year 9 student who completed the Sponsored Walk this week. It was a very enjoyable event and hopefully they have raised some money for their efforts. Upon completion of the walk we urge students to begin seeking their sponsorship money from those that they have listed on their sponsorship form and that any money raised, along with the form, is handed in no later than Monday 30 October 2017.

At the parent information evening, an important date that we forgot to share is Thursday 25 January - which will be the Year 9 Options Evening. This event will allow students to visit each subject they are considering and find out all the information they need about the different qualifications on offer. Allowing both students and parents to speak to subject teachers to ask any questions they may have. It will be after this that students will have a short interview with the progress team or a senior staff member to ensure they are making the best choice for them, before finally giving in their options choices.

In tutor time students have now created SMART targets for this term – goals that they want to work towards in order to improve their time at school. These may be academic or enrichment based. Students have been told to take these SMART targets home and show parents. Please sign the bottom of the form to indicate this has been done 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.

Tutors will be talking to students this week who have already accumulated behaviour points for either no homework or not having equipment. Students will be made aware that those on the list for no homework are likely to be considered for 'Showtime' twice a week after school, with parental agreement. Please continue to check Frog to see what homework your son/daughter has been set and that they are handing it in one time. If you do not have a Frog log-in or you are unsure how to use Frog, please contact your son/daughter's tutor so they can support you.

We would like to remind you that next Thursday 5 October is timetabled as a half day to ensure we have time to prepare for our Open Evening taking place from 6pm. The evening relies on our students selling their experiences of the school, and so your son/daughter may have been asked to volunteer to either be a tour guide on the evening for prospective students and parents or alternatively they may be helping within a Faculty or Department to promote a subject they enjoy. The enthusiasm of the students is a vital aspect of our school and we thank all those students who are willing to help out. We would like to thank those Year 9 students who have already volunteered to give up their time for this hugely important school event.

Finally a reminder that Friday 6 October is a school INSET day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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