

## **Year 9 Parent Notes**

The focus in Year 9 now shifts to getting students prepared to study the GCSEs they have chosen. Over the next term and a half a key priority for Miss Murphy is to ensure that every student in Year 9 is ready to study their GCSEs. This means that a focus will be on the Powerful Learning Characteristics and how students can develop these in their approach to lessons and learning outside of the classroom. It will also mean a continued focus on students coming to school properly equipped to learn as well as completing and meeting deadlines on homework which will become a vital part of their education as they move into Key Stage 4. We will also focus on how students can organise and manage their time effectively to ensure that homework and revision is being completed to the best of their ability by the deadline.

With regards to Options we are in the process of checking that all students are on the appropriate curriculum path and where we feel a student may be on the incorrect path a conversation will be taking place over the next few weeks, with both students and parents, to confirm that this is what they meant to put and the benefits of maybe being on a slightly different route.

Over half term students were allocated to classes and some departments are now checking these and where they feel a student may be better suited to a different course, namely switching to BTEC from GCSE or GCSE from BTEC, they will be having conversations with those students and be in contact with home. This is purely advisory and done with the best interests of the students involved and with the view of maximising their life chances by having them on the correct courses for success in the future. If any changes need to be made in the future to a student's Options a conversation with the student and yourselves will take place confirming that the changes being made are acceptable.

We hope you have a good week.

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