

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.

This includes a focus on students coming to school properly equipped to learn - with a blue/black pen, pencil, eraser and ruler. There will also be a strong focus on homework completion which will become a vital part of student's education as they move into Key Stage 4. Homework helps students to improve time management skills, prioritisation and get used to meeting deadlines. We will focus assemblies and tutor activities 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.

SHOWtime is having a positive effect on homework completion for those students that attend, both via invite and voluntarily. **SHOWtime** is a quiet place for students, guided by a member of staff, where they can complete homework and use school resources to do so. If you know your son/daughter struggles to focus at home or does not have access to Frog at home, **SHOWtime** is a great intervention for them to attend. It is held in F29 every Tuesday and Thursday from 3.20pm-4.20pm.

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.

We hope you have a good week.

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