



PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

I hope that your son/daughter has enjoyed a positive start to Year 9. I am writing to make you aware of the Year 9 reporting arrangements. These should provide you with timely and helpful information about your child's progress and support the process of choosing the GCSE courses they will study in Key Stage 4.

During the academic year, you will be able to meet your son's/daughter's subject tutors at Parents' Evening and you will also receive two gradesheets, providing information about their efforts and academic achievements.

The **first gradesheet** will be issued in **early December 2019** and will include the following information for each subject:

- Effort grades for class work and homework
- Parmiter's Attainment Level at which your child is currently working
- Progress indicator based on our expectations for your child
- Brief written comment which will include a target identifying one or two key areas for development.

Following the **GCSE Information Evening on Thursday 13th February 2020**, the **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 26th February 2020** will give you the opportunity to discuss potential GCSE subject choices with subject tutors. We hope that these two evenings will allow you to help your son/daughter make the best choices for his/her GCSE studies.

The **second gradesheet** will be issued **mid July 2020** and will include the following information for each subject:

- Effort grades for class work and homework
- Attainment Level your child has achieved at the end of Key Stage 3
- Brief written comment.

Assessment & Examinations

A wide spectrum of formal and informal assessment methods are used to recognise and support progress and attainment. In day-to-day classroom interactions, students will receive feedback; this immediate feedback is a valuable part of the learning process. During the year students will also complete a number of summative assessments, such as end of topic tests, assessed tasks or formal examinations. These take place after the learning and recognise what has been learned and understood.

Year 9 will sit **formal school examinations in the period Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May 2020**. These examinations will be held in the Sports Centre and will provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in some of the subjects they have studied this year. It will also allow them to experience the formality of working within a large examination hall.

There are also two further weeks, the weeks commencing **Monday 18th May 2020 and Monday 1st June 2020**, which are designated as **Years 7 – 9 assessment weeks**, in which students may sit end of year assessments in a greater range of subjects. Information about the examination timetable and the assessment weeks will be provided nearer the time.

Information about the assessment arrangements in each subject are available on the school website (please follow the link for Academic, then Assessment). The website also provides additional information that may be of interest when reading your son's/daughter's gradesheets; for example, an overview of the courses studied during the academic year and the Parmiter's Scale level descriptors.

Attendance & Punctuality

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we ask parents not to take students out of school during term time. We would also appreciate that all dental and non-urgent medical appointments are made out of school hours; this is particularly important in the assessment weeks detailed above. The Attendance policy is available on the school website (under Parents then Policies).

Homework

Your son/daughter will have received his/her homework timetable for this year. Please note that teachers will sometimes set a longer piece of homework which is intended to cover several homework slots; students will be advised of this and all the relevant details will be available on satchelone.com.

The Year 9 homework timetable and the school homework policy (which is within the Teaching & Learning Policy) are available on the school website. I would encourage you to read the homework policy, which includes a guidance sheet for parents and also guidance for students.

Yours sincerely



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