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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to start by thanking all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support this year. This year we have continued to see the year group excel inside and outside of the classroom, which culminated in the end of year graduation ceremony.

As we move into Year 9, students will have reached the midway point of their journey to GCSE qualifications. This year has seen students confirm the first of their GCSE choices during the options process and they will select their final courses in Year 9. This will be important in shaping the pathway to their future careers and it is important that we can work together as a team to help raise aspirations and ensure students develop a learning culture that will allow them to succeed.

In Year 9 we will also be looking to develop the leadership skills of some of our students through the Year 9 prefect programme. Applications have already been taken in and students who have been successful will be informed in the final rewards assembly.

Before breaking up for the summer holidays I wanted to cover some of the important points ready for September:

Key standards and expectations

Expectations will be the same as they have been previously for students. We ask that our students are ready, respectful and responsible at school. Students will be rewarded for their efforts both in terms of excellent attendance and uniform along with exceptional attitudes to learning.

Ready

- Students need to be fully equipped for the school day (pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, reading book and whiteboard/pen)
 - Students need to ensure that they are in correct school uniform - guidance can be found on the school website
- I wish to highlight that school skirts must be to the knee and of a non-stretch material, shirts need to be tucked in and no extreme haircuts/unnatural colours

Respectful

- Students should be kind and courteous to their peers and staff members creating a 'culture of kindness' within the school.
- Students should be respectful of others' learning and take ownership over their own, showing engagement in the classroom.

Responsible

- Students should ensure they complete their work to the best of their ability and ensure they conduct themselves appropriately around the school site.
- Students should ensure, wherever possible, that they have good attendance (above 97%). Please help us to achieve this by encouraging and insisting that your child attends every day.

Tutor time programme

Students have access to their own personal tutor who they will see every morning during tutor time. During this time students will have access to further support and opportunities such as bespoke interventions, careers advice and sessions on personal development which help students develop socially and emotionally to become responsible citizens.

Extracurricular and Rewards

This year we saw the return of many clubs such as football, netball, art and drama. As we continue to move forward there will be more extra-curricular activities on offer. This will allow us to offer more enrichment opportunities outside of the classroom such as school trips and fixtures in the academic year 2022/23.

We will continue to reward students for good attendance/punctuality and the progress they are making at school, regularly celebrating their success. We will do this through awarding achievement points to students, attendance recognition letters and e-postcards amongst other things.

What time does our day start and finish?

The school day for the Year 9 students will begin at 8.45am and finish at 2.55pm. The students should be on site for 8.40am each morning and line up out the front of 'F Block'.



Who should I contact if I have a question?

For general queries regarding student progress across the curriculum, please contact either Miss Hulland, Mrs McLeod or their tutor. If you have questions regarding particular subjects then please get in touch with the subject teacher. Contact details can be found on the school website.

Learning @Heanorgate event for Year 9

Given the success of our virtual delivery of these events during the pandemic, the 'Learning at' evenings for Y7-10 and Y13 will remain virtual.

Finally can I thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain these high standards. With your support they will continue the excellent progress they have made in the time they have already had with us.

Yours sincerely

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Miss L Hulland

Year 8 Achievement Leader

