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Dear Parent/Carer

We have come to the end of another academic year and this gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the last year and to look forward to the next and beyond. Firstly, for those I have not met or spoken to already, I look forward to the next two years and helping your child to be the very best that they can be both academically and pastorally.

Having only been at the school for the last half term, I have quickly got to know just what Year 9 are all about and just how many fantastic young people there are at the school. The year group have probably had the most turbulent of a secondary school experience for as long as we can remember and it is crucial that their resilience and maturity towards this shine through. Whilst it has been a difficult few years, the next two years are now all about consistency, hard work and achieving success. Students are aware of our high expectations and are rewarded if they meet them, as will be shown during our rewards assembly this Friday. Where they do not meet these standards, we will support them alongside yourselves in improving.

Since I have joined it has been great to see students really engaged with their studies, extra-curricular activities and wider school life. Many students are now excited to study their option subjects and continue their hard work in the core subjects. This engagement and enthusiasm now needs to grow in order to meet the demands and challenges of their GCSE exams. Whilst being supportive of the students, we will be pushing them to achieve the very best that they can.

One thing that is important is that school and parents continually work together to provide a support network for our young people. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I am also pleased to inform you that Mr Stone will be the Assistant Achievement Leader for our year group next year and he will also be happy to answer any queries you have and support your child.

One thing that must be rectified for the start of Year 10 is the equipment that students in the year group bring into school. Unfortunately, during the last six weeks I have had to repeatedly equip students as they did not have the correct equipment to access the learning during lessons. Should this be an issue for the start of next year, please do let me know and as a school we can help provide equipment for students to use.

I plan to send regular updates regarding the year group and will send out a list of key dates for the year group when we return but for now please have a brilliant and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing students and parents when we return.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bently

Year 9 Achievement Leader