

Year 9 newsletter

Time is flying by and in Year 9 there are lots of things going on. This letter is by way of passing on some information to you and providing some dates for your diary;

Looking to the future

Already we have passed the half way mark in the school year and at this point students should now be settled into their option subjects and may already be completing GCSE work. This time next year students will be going through the process of 'mock interviews' to prepare them for the college applications they will be writing next year.

Summary of Year Nine Key Dates

Friday 1st May –
Full reports to parents

Thursday 14th May -
Review Day

Monday 15th June -
Internal Exams

Attendance and Punctuality Drive

In the forthcoming weeks and months everyone will need to demonstrate consistent hard work and commitment. We recognise that many students are focussed and determined to achieve their best. It is crucial at all times, but particularly at KS4, that all students strive to be punctual and achieve full attendance. Attendance and punctuality play a key role in success. To highlight this we have included the table below to illustrate how even as much as half a day away from school on a regular basis can be damaging.

From Monday 20th April Year Nine will be registering in the Gracie Fields Theatre. Students who arrive after the bell to end Registration will receive a ten minute breaktime detention on the same day. Failure to attend will mean a twenty minute after school detention the same day.

Students who consistently arrive on time with good attendance, as well as students who demonstrate marked improvements in their attendance and punctuality will be rewarded fortnightly, half termly and termly.

Attendance %	Absence per wk/ fortnight	Absence per year	Absence over 5 years
95%	½ day a fortnight	2 weeks	¼ of a year
90%	½ day per week	4 weeks	½ of a year
85%	1 day a fortnight	6 weeks	¾ of a year