

July 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term has been an introduction to the requirements of courses, assignments and for some students' external examinations.

On the 18th July, we held our annual Celebrations Awards. This ceremony celebrated the achievements of all Year 9 students. We were able to celebrate every student by awarding the following categories: Head of Year Award, 100% Attendance, Zero Detentions, Smartest Uniform, Contribution to the Year Group, Most Improved, Most Helpful and Credit to the Year Group. As well as this, there were subject awards from each subject, which also included nominees. This was a great celebration that really highlighted the achievements of our students within the year group.

Since the Government made a significant drive for all schools in the United Kingdom to improve their attendance figures to 95%, we have been working towards improving individual figures. Letters have been sent in the post over the past few months and I have been impressed with the responses from both parent/guardians and students alike. I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate the students who currently have 100% for their attendance. Therefore, I ask that we maintain this continued push and allow the students to have the greatest opportunity to fulfil their targets as possible. This includes avoiding family holidays during term time.

During our Personalised Learning Curriculum, we have been focussing on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The students have been striving to understand the signs and consequences of this issue, as well as looking at recent cases. Next term, our focus will be Mental Health, and the importance of continuing open and honest conversations about our wellbeing.

Through the last two terms, Year 10 have successfully completed Giles Summer Camp in Derbyshire. This involved taking part in planned walks, camping overnight and outdoor activities. This was enjoyed by staff and students alike, with feedback about attitude and behaviour from all groups being extremely positive.

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing summer – school will reopen 5 September 2018.

Kind regards,

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(Assistant Head of Year 10)