



Our Ref: NGa/KON

September 2022

ALL YEAR 9 PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Year 9 Evening – Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.00pm

I hope that you and your families are well and have had a restful summer break.

Firstly, I would like to formally introduce myself as the **Year 9 Strategy Leader**, it is my responsibility to oversee your son or daughter's progress and homework throughout the year and put in any interventions that may be necessary in this regard. I am also here to oversee the development of their key skills and aspirations in terms of PSHE and careers education over the coming year.

I would like to begin by highlighting the importance of **attendance** and the last few years has made this more important than ever. While we appreciate that there may be times when your child is too unwell to come into school, it is important to note that absence could result in; missing key information from the syllabus, missing important deadlines, missing revision sessions and missing important information about extra-curricular opportunities. Furthermore, attendance and punctuality form an integral part of the references we send off to colleges and training providers. It is with this in mind that we do not authorise any holiday requests in Year 9 (unless in exceptional circumstances) and chase up all absences. I sincerely hope that you can support us in this by ensuring that your child comes into school and maintains good attendance in Year 9.

As part of our Year 9 Strategy I would like to invite you to attend a Year 9 Parents' Welcome to Dormston Evening on **Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Mill Theatre**. In order to provide the best support for Year 9 students it is vital that we work together with you as parents/carers and I will be discussing some strategies to support your child's progress this year but to also give you some additional information on the Year 9 Strategy and its importance to your child's future.

In this first meeting, I will be sharing an overview of my role and what you can expect from me. I will also go through a curriculum overview of the year ahead. In particular, we will focus on the core subjects and how you, as parents/carers can support your child in this important year. I will also run through any key dates for his year. Please note that due to seating restrictions this event is for parents/carers only. Your child will however have several Year 9 Assemblies throughout the year where this information will be shared with them.



Finally, I would like to wish you and your child the best of luck for this year, in the meantime if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. I am looking forward to working with you to ensure we have a successful year that leads to a positive future for your children.

Yours sincerely

N. Garrett

Mrs N. Garrett
Year 9 Strategy Leader



REPLY SLIP

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Student Name:Form:

I/we will be attending the Welcome to Year 9 Evening

Signature:

Date:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP TO YOUR CHILD'S FORM TUTOR BY NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022.**