



7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you all had a lovely summer. I am anticipating an exciting academic year for Year 9 in which we will support students in deciding their GCSE options.

I am delighted to confirm that Miss Chandler will continue to be Head of Year 9 this year and she will continue to be supported by Mr Joseph, Assistant Head of Year, and Ms Gadher, the Year 9 Pastoral Mentor. I am very much looking forward to continuing to support Year 9 as the Assistant Head Teacher for this year group. We also welcome Mr Kozah and Miss Fitzgerald to the Year 9 tutor team.

In line with our sixth form, we have decided to change the names of each tutor group to incorporate the form tutor's initials. Please find the updated list below.

As a school, we are fully committed to making every effort to give your child an excellent standard of education. Our ambition is to bring vision, energy, very high expectations and enthusiasm for all within an inspiring curriculum. This curriculum will continue to evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic society, and incorporate innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Please find an outline of what your child will be learning this term in the table below. There will be a progress check towards the end of September / beginning of October for all Year 9 students and you will receive your child's report after half term.

The pastoral focus for tutor time this term is Forming Caring Relationships and Building Resilience and there will be many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sporting, creative and musical activities.

I hope your child enjoys the term and I look forward to collaborating with you further to ensure your child's academic success and personal development.

Yours faithfully

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Updated Tutor Groups Year 9

2022-2023	2023-2024 Tutor Group	2023-2024 Form Tutor
8J1	9BAF	Mr Baxter
8J2	9PER	Mr Pearson
8M1	9FIA	Miss Fitzgerald
8M2	9KOZ	Mr Kozah
8N1	9MOB	Miss Waller
8N2	9NSA	Miss Saloustis
8S1	9ALB	Ms Alam
8S2	9SPE	Mr Spencer
8V1	9HAH	Mr Halford

Year 9 Curriculum Outline Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Art	Observational drawings of aquatic forms	Mixed media compositions of aquatic forms inspired by Yellena James
Drama	Devising theatre	
English	Poetry: Different Cultures	Macbeth
French	School & work	House & home
Geography	Geographical Case Studies	The World Revisited
History	Why was the First World War seen as the war to end all wars? (WW1)	How and why did the Second World War change people's lives? (WWII)
Mathematics	Arithmetic Powers and Roots Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	Algebraic Manipulation Solving Equations
Music	Britpop / 1990s Cover version Song writing skills	
PE	Football Table Tennis	Netball Dodgeball
Religious Studies	How do we know what is right? (Atheism, Judaism, Christianity).	How do we respond to wrongdoing? (Atheism, Judaism, Christianity).
Science	Biology Microbiology Chemistry Elements, Compounds & Mixtures Physics Energy	Biology Microbiology Chemistry Climate Physics Eco Homes
Spanish	Town, local area, and region	Family and relationship.

Technology	Baseball shorts Salad server CAD Skills Nutrients and healthy eating	Baseball shorts Salad server CAD Skills Nutrients and healthy eating
Form Time	Forming Caring Relationships	Building Resilience