



13 September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Year 9 – Welcome Back**

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and have been able to recuperate and recharge ready for the year ahead.

Year 9 is the first year of 3 of the GCSE courses. When thinking of the GCSE journey it is worth remembering that it is exactly that – a journey. With everyone playing their part, the journey becomes easier and less arduous and at the end we can look back and celebrate.

With that being said my key message is about ‘responsibility’.

### **Students**

Take ownership and be responsible for your learning – this means ensuring you are organised and ready to learn (equipment, uniform, homework), ensuring your punctuality to lesson and taking responsibility for your behavior in and out of lessons. Be the best version of you!

### **Parents**

To support the school, please support your son/daughter to be prepared ensuring they have the correct uniform, equipment, arrive to school on time and communicating with the school when necessary. You can also support by asking them how their day has been or what they have learnt, and encourage them to take responsibility for extra things they may not have done last year – for example – getting their school uniform ready.

### **School**

We are here to support every step of the way. The GCSE journey for students is rarely a smooth and hiccup-free. Tutors are here in the first instance to support with any pastoral concerns as are subject teachers for subject concerns (please contact the school office to speak to a member of staff). Naturally we will ensure that any concerns we have with a student’s progress is communicated to you as early as possible so that support can be implemented. Most importantly – celebrate the successes on the way. Whether that is a great assessment result, achieving house points or a teacher commenting on something positive – let’s celebrate it.

This year group has made great progress in their time at secondary school and I look forward to continuing this, this year.

Thank you for your support and I will see you all on Year 9 Information Evening on 12 October 2022 (more details released nearer the time.)

Yours Sincerely

**Mr J Bandy**  
Head of Year 9