



27th April 2021

Dear PCS Families,

Re: Year 9 Update

We would like to update you about our plans for Year 9 students for the rest of this academic year. Most students are now settled back into school life and enjoying their lessons and we are keen to ensure that Year 9 progress and build resilience in preparation for years 10 and 11.

Year 9 attendance has been positive and we are pleased that students are continuing to wear masks and to follow hygiene guidance. We'd also like to remind you to continue with twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests as part of our Covid-19 risk reducing measures. Excellent attendance will be an important predictor of academic success moving forward, so please let us know if your child is struggling to attend school.

We would be grateful if you would ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Please refer to our website for uniform guidance here <http://www.phcs.org.uk/school/uniform>. Please note that false nails, eyelashes and facial piercings are not permitted in school. It is important that students follow our uniform rules in order to represent the school. If there are any genuine reasons for missing or incorrect uniform items, please contact Heads of Year, Claire Willis or Mike Burney, or your child's tutor.

There are some important dates for Year 9 in the calendar over the next few months. In the week commencing 10th May all Year 9 students will complete English, Mathematics and Science assessments. Those students who have opted to take either Geography or History as a GCSE will also be assessed in these subjects. More information about these assessments and how to prepare for them will be given to your child by their class teacher nearer the time.

Students in Year 9 are also due some vaccinations during the Summer term. The second dose of the HPV vaccine will be administered on 5th July. On 20th July students will receive their teenage booster vaccinations as part of the National Immunisation Programme.

Your support as parents and carers with ensuring your child is prepared and ready to learn is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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