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Year 9 Newsletter 1

Belonging 2026 - 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, we wanted to write to you all to reflect on the hard work, growth, and achievements of our Year 9 students over this term. It is an absolute privilege to work with this year group every day, and they should be incredibly proud of the way they are representing themselves and our school community.

It has been brilliant to watch the year group settle in so well. The vast majority of our students have shown fantastic focus in their lessons and are truly beginning to value their education. Beyond the classroom, it has also been wonderful to see so many students throwing themselves into our extra-curricular activities, clubs, and teams. A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 9 student leaders and ambassadors, who continuously step up to support school events—such as the Year 6 open evening and our recent 25 Years of PCS Celebration —with warmth, maturity, and enthusiasm.

Looking Ahead: GCSE Options

As we move into the next part of the academic year, Year 9 will be taking a big step in their educational journey. In January, students will begin the process of choosing their GCSE options. Now is a great time for them to start thinking carefully about where their interests and strengths lie and which subjects they might like to pursue further. Further detailed information regarding option pathways, subject choices, and key dates will be shared with you next term.

Attendance & Belonging

Our overall average attendance for Year 9 currently stands at **93.2%**, with **108 students** hitting or exceeding our school target of **95%+**. A huge congratulations to those students and their families for such a strong effort!

We place such a high emphasis on attendance because the data is unmistakably clear: consistent attendance directly correlates with higher academic achievement. But beyond grades, regular attendance fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. When students are here every day, they build stronger friendships, stay connected to school life, and feel a genuine part of our community.

Maintaining Our Momentum

Looking at our past data, this upcoming period is where attendance historically takes its biggest drop. As the mornings get darker and colder, we all know how much harder it can be to get up and out the door!

However, maintaining our momentum now will make all the difference to your child's progress and well-being. We want to work together to ensure that every student continues to arrive on time, ready to learn, and supported to do their best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Working together is what enables our young people to thrive.

Wishing you and your families a restful and peaceful break.

Warm regards,

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