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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 9 Update**

Year 9 continue to make excellent progress and have settled into college life now. This term they will be completing assessments across their subject areas. Enclosed is the breakdown of what students will be learning this term and the method of their assessment.

At the end of this term, you will receive another report and this report will have current assessed grades on which will be based around the assessments that are currently taking place as well as the commitment to learning scores.

Please do not be alarmed if your child for example has a target grade of a 4 but their current grade is a 2. The target grade is generated to guide where the student should be at the end of Year 11. If their commitment to learning is a 2 or 1 all is well. If the commit to learning is a 3 or a 4 it is likely additional support or intervention will be or has been put in place.

This term is a busy one in terms of extra-curricular activities, it is fabulous to see that sporting fixtures are under away once more with other schools as well as our internal House competitions. Later in the term the choir will be performing in Wells Cathedral and do look out for information regarding our Carol Concert. This week a script writer was in college to complete a workshop, so a real range of activities is available. The cadets continue to enjoy a varied timetable of activities after school on Tuesday, there is always room for more students to join this.

Please continue to log in to Class Charts to see the large number of achievement points that are being added each week for the year group as well as the homework set. Following feedback from parents we have ensured, for the few that receive detentions, that the subject and staff member issuing the detention is clear.

Finally, a reminder that attendance to college is directly related to achievement, so please can all medical appointments be made to minimise the disruption to learning. I know many of you do this and it really does make a difference.

Yours sincerely



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## Year 9 2023-24

### What our students are learning in term 2 (October - December)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Term 2 Curriculum</b>	<b>Assessment Method</b>
<b>Maths</b>	Higher Unit 2 Algebraic indices, Expanding and Factorising, Equations, Formulae, Linear Sequences, non linear Sequences Foundation Unit 2 Algebraic expressions, Simplifying Expressions, Substitution, Using Formulae, Expanding and factorising	Unit Test
<b>English</b>	Shakespearean Tragedies: Hamlet and others Writing skills mastery Reading lessons to promote reading challenge, enjoyment and interest	Viewpoint writing: a broadsheet article
<b>Science</b>	KS3 Magnetism and charge  KS3 Pressure + moments  GCSE Cell Biology  GCSE Chemical Changes 1	KS3 final SATS written test  Cell biology written test  Chemical changes written test
<b>Art</b>	Colour project inspired by sweets	Still life drawing
<b>Computer science</b>	Programming and binary/data types	Written test for theory, practical programming exercises
<b>Drama</b>	Blood Brother's duologue Performance.	Performance
<b>Geography</b>	Africa/ Middle East	End of topic written assessment
<b>History</b>	Social protest in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries: How successfully did people achieve a better life in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries?	Written test based on learning from term 1.
<b>Language</b>	Essential verbs: To have - uses in contexts	Written test on learning done in Term 1.
<b>Music</b>	Bands Project Performance	Performance
<b>PSHE</b>	Sex, the law & consent (Parental right to withdraw operates here only)	No assessment
<b>R&amp;P</b>	Eastern Religion	No assessment
<b>Technology</b>	Jewellery project – exploring inspiration from existing products and designers. Understandings how to work with 2 different types of metal to create a bracelet and a pendant.	End of unit test

<b>Option Subject – students only do one of these subjects</b>		
<b>Dance</b>	Dance choreography and technique Action, Space, Dynamics and relationships	Written test Practical performance
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	A2: Factors affecting growth and development	Written assessment
<b>Imedia</b>	Media theory and skill building	Written assessment
<b>Media Studies</b>	Component 1 Section A: Media Language and Representations	A comparison of gender representation between two print-based advertisements
<b>Music Tech</b>	Mixing Audio – Eq & Compression	Submission of audio file
<b>PE</b>	Principles of Training, Types of training	Written assessment
<b>Photography</b>	<i>Formal Elements</i>	<i>PowerPoint</i>
<b>Sociology</b>	Core Concepts (Understanding Social Processes)	Written assessment
<b>Sport</b>	Component 2 Components of fitness	Written assessment
<b>Food</b>	Fats and food choices	In class test
<b>Grow it</b>	Foods and Festivals	In class test