

October 2020

Dear families,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well, during what continues to be a challenging set of circumstances for us all. It has been a very strange year so far: lockdown, school only partially open and online lessons to name a few things that as community we have adapted to.

It seemed such a long time before we were all back where we should all be, in school, especially for all the Year nine learners. It is fantastic to have everyone back and I have been overwhelmed by the way Year nine have adapted and embraced the new way of doing things in school. From different break and lunch times, to one way systems around school and the wearing of masks. I have every confidence this great attitude will continue.

There have been many learners from Year nine who have received Learning Leader awards for their dedication to their work in class, completing home learning activities or for their hard work while remote learning. In addition, we have had a record number of Head Teacher awards for our year group, which makes me very proud to be their learning Leader.

This school year, Year nine will be completing their careers pledges, this will give them a glimpse of what colleges and work environments are like. This will help them when they get towards the end of this school year when they pick their options. Each month they have a set of targets /activities to complete, they have all made a positive start, nearly all have completed their targets for October and this is demonstrating a positive commitment from these learners – well done!

At the start of this year, we started an inter-form competition based around achievement points. Each form will be pitted against another on a weekly basis, the form with the highest number of achievement points wins and gains 3 points. This has started really well and points for remote learning still count, the current standings show that 9R are currently ahead.

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Position	Form	Played	Points	
P1	A	3	3	
P2	S	3	3	
P3	P	3	3	
P4	I	3	6	
P5	R	3	7	1 Bonus Point added
P6	E	3	6	

To conclude I thought I would share a few of the fantastic comments teachers have sent me about Year nine

Mrs Frangellon - Another Fabulous lesson today. 25 achievement points each. And yesterday was just as good. Amazing group.

Mr Pomeroy - Just to let you know before they were sent home to learn remotely, my Year nine group were excellent. Their focus was amazing and behaviour impeccable. Also during isolation period some of the learners have been sending me photos of their work which looks like the standard it would be in their school book.

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Miss Webber - I have been really impressed with 9R last Friday in their Geography lesson. Learners worked really hard and we completed some fantastic work on the four employment sectors.

Miss Wither - Year 9 have been excellent today. We've had some excellent work and my class is always calm, but focused.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Rea', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Rea
Year 9 Learning leader