



30 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 9 Head of Year Spring update

I would like to provide you with an update of our second term and look ahead to events in the summer. Earlier this term the Year 9 students experienced the options process for Key Stage 4 with a number of activities provided to help guide them, along with our combined Parents and Options evening in February. Option subjects will be confirmed to students in the summer.

The Year 9 team the huge number of students who have been engaged in the many extra-curricular activities we offer, with many more still to come next term.

It has been fantastic to have 50 Year 9 students signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme with the Camp Craft, Map Reading and First Aid components taking place soon.

The Art department are offering an exciting 6-week project next term with Bedford Creative Arts and Bedford University. There are a choice of workshops and an opportunity to work with an artist, have work displayed or performed and many other rewards.

Next term Year 9 students will also be working with The University of Bedfordshire and 'Innerscope' coaching programme which aims to raise aspirations, improve behaviour for learning and further develop positive relationships between students and staff teams. The pastoral team will be selecting students for individual coaching, but all students will participate in a whole year group workshop.

The Year 9 Student Voice team have provided valuable contributions to the meetings and are helping to provide a student perspective in order to help us provide an enhanced learning environment.

Recently ClassCharts has been updated to sanction persistent offenders with three lateness, uniform and behaviour incidents within a week to an automatic hour detention after school. Regarding expectations within the classroom, students must remember to bring all equipment each day and have the opportunity to restock their equipment over the holiday.

Here's a reminder of the minimum that each student will require daily: *A sturdy bag suitable for carrying books and equipment, pencil case with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, highlighter pens and a calculator – mainly for Maths and Science.*

We have continued with our rewards competitions through the year. Each half term a tutor group with the highest reward points receive a pizza lunch with 9JSN our current winners. At the end of each term the top 25 performers across the year and 5 students making great progress or success through adversity have attended a bowling trip; in the summer term we are hoping to visit a splash park.

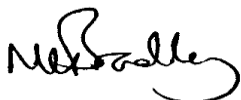
Future key dates:

Assessments (Week beginning)	Data home (Week beginning)
End of Year exams 5th June 2023	14th June 2023

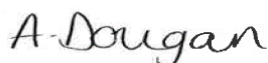
Finally, we would just like to take this time to say thank you; thank you to all the Year 9 students and parents and carers for your continued hard work and support to the school. Here's to a successful Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all replenished and ready to go in 2 weeks!

If you have any questions at all please contact either your child's tutor or the pastoral team, on 01234 290200 or [mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk](mailto:mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk) or [Year9Office@mrus.co.uk](mailto:Year9Office@mrus.co.uk). Please mark emails for the attention of the relevant member of staff to ensure they are able to deal efficiently with your enquiry.

Yours faithfully



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