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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 9 Key Dates

We have had an excellent start back to school after the summer holiday and Year 9 have returned refreshed, well presented and ready for the challenge ahead.

We look forward to working with the students this year, and developing them both academically and personally.

This is a critical year for all Year 9 students. It is the year in which students build their skills and knowledge in preparation for their future GCSE studies. It is also the year that students make key decisions regarding their future studies.

Uniform, punctuality and excellent organisation set the tone for success. The Year 9 team will be placing a great importance on this foundation for learning and will work in partnership with home to achieve it. When we go into lessons we expect to see engagement, effort, enthusiasm and courtesy. This is the culture which we believe develops successful learners. We know that these are priorities you share, and we look forward to achieving them together.

I would like to introduce the team that will be working with Year 9. Alongside myself, there is also Mrs Vic Robinson, Assistant Progress Leader and Mr Roger Thomas, Wellbeing Leader. Most important of all is your child's Form Tutor. This is the person who you should call in the first instance if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Please see below some important upcoming dates for the Autumn Term and relevant parents' events for the year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Year 9 girls HPV vaccine
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016	Open evening
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Cambridge university visit: 40 students
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Year 9 parent learning event
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Non uniform day
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016	Year 9 school photos
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	RAF science roadshow
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Sister Act live theatre show
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	PD Day school closed
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Carol Service
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas jumper day
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Year 9 Parents' Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Options Evening

Yours sincerely

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Miss S Cooke  
Progress Director

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