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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to start by thanking all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support this year. This year we have continued to see the year group excel inside and outside of the classroom, which culminated in the end of year graduation ceremony. As we move into Year 9, students will have reached the midway point of their journey to GCSE qualifications.

2023-2024 academic year

This year has seen students confirm the first of their GCSE choices during the options process and they will select their final courses in Year 9. This will be important in shaping the pathway to their future careers and it is vital that we work together as a team to help raise aspirations and ensure students develop a learning culture that will allow them to succeed.

In Year 9 we will also be looking to develop the leadership skills of some of our students through the Year 9 prefect programme. Applications have already been taken in and students who have been successful will be informed in the final rewards assembly.

Our #TeamHeanor values have been embedded into all areas of the curriculum this year to help develop each child holistically. Students are working hard to demonstrate these on a daily basis. We will continue to reward students using the A point system and also continue to provide opportunities for those students who do the right thing every day.

Next year, as with this year, students will have access to their own personal tutor who they will see every morning during tutor time. During this time students will have further support and opportunities such as bespoke interventions, careers advice and sessions on personal development which help students develop socially and emotionally to become responsible citizens.

The extra curricular activities at HGSA are jam packed with exciting opportunities, I fully recommend all students take part in these to maximise their journey next year. Extra curricular clubs are a great way to make new friends and enhance life experiences. The timetable for this will be shared once the new term starts.

Given the success of our virtual delivery of these events, the 'Learning @ HGSA' evenings will remain virtual and will be shared with you at the start of the new term.

Finally I would like to reiterate my thanks for your continued support in helping us to maintain these high standards. With your support your child will continue the excellent progress they have made in the time they have already had with us.

Who should I contact if I have a question?

For general queries regarding student progress across the curriculum, please contact either Mrs Britton, Mrs Wainwright or their tutor. If you have questions regarding particular subjects then please get in touch with the subject teacher. Contact details can be found on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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