



September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we have now completed the first week of the 24/25 academic year, and following on from the learning @ presentations, I am writing to update you on things happening at school. If you haven't yet seen the learning @ presentation, this can be viewed here:

[Year 9 Learning @ HGSA.mp4](#)

Throughout the first week of school, I have been impressed with the vast majority of our year group; they seem to have settled into Year 9 well and are approaching this year with a mature attitude. I have noticed that a lot more students have come back with a positive attitude and this has been matched with their hard work in lessons.

As always, we look forward and see where the year group can improve; I would like to see all students with a reading book, and all students completing their homework ready for our upcoming assessment week.

As we move through the academic year we will communicate at regular points. This communication will take place through Synergy so please turn on notifications within the application. If you need to get in touch with school regarding your child, may I please remind you that the form tutor is the first point of contact. If you wish to meet with your child's tutor or ourselves this should be organised in advance and following communication with the school. A list of the tutors is below:

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Your child's homework for each half term will be shared with you at the beginning of each term. The calendar for this half term can be found below and as detailed within the learning @ evenings there will be an increase in homework during the consolidation weeks as your child prepares for their assessments. [Homework Calendar - Year 9 2024/25](#)

Further communication will be sent to you regarding Year 9 assessments next week.

We are looking forward to continuing to work with you this year to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. I am sure you will join me in praising your child when they do well this year and equally encouraging them to step up in any areas where they may fall short.

Yours sincerely

Mr H Mann
Achievement Leader - Year 9