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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 9 End of Term Update

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to congratulate Year 9 on a fantastic end to Key Stage 3. As Head of Year, it has been a privilege to watch this cohort mature over the past year. They are a Year Group with enormous potential, and I have every confidence that they will continue to rise to the challenges of Key Stage 4.

We have had a constant drive for student recognition and many have been the recipient of one or more of the following rewards:

- Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold badges in recognition of their fantastic achievements in earning House Points.
- Weekly "Golden Tickets", where students collect a treat in our morning line ups.
- "Pizza and Pop" reward lunches for students in the top 5% of positive points earned
- Recognition of work at the Proud Pod.

This academic year marked an important milestone for our students, with the significant event being the GCSE Options process. I have been incredibly proud of the maturity, thoughtfulness, and responsibility our students have demonstrated throughout this process. They engaged positively with the advice offered by staff and parents and carefully considered the subjects that best reflect their interests, strengths, and future ambitions.

However, it is not only through their Option choices that this Year Group has impressed. Throughout the year, we have seen students grow both academically and personally. They have developed greater resilience, increased independence, and a stronger sense of responsibility for their learning. They have supported one another, embraced new opportunities, and represented the school with pride in classrooms, on the sports field, in performances, and through the many wider activities such as being peer mentors.

As we look ahead to September, students will begin Year 10 and embark fully on their GCSE courses. This is an exciting milestone, bringing with it greater academic challenge, increased independence, and higher expectations.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your family a fun-filled summer break.

Best wishes to you all!

Yours faithfully,

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