



John Kyrle High School

& Sixth Form Centre

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To: Parents/Carers
Year 9 Students

Dear Students/Parents/Carers

With Christmas fast receding it does seem a good time to update you on the progress of the year group as well as wish you a Happy New Year. I do hope you had an enjoyable break.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs C Scanlan to the Year 9 tutor team; she is the new tutor for 9Y, bringing a wealth of experience as a Maths teacher from north of the border. We wish Miss S Harding well as she completes her studies.

The first term certainly hurtled by. I have really enjoyed getting to know the cohort and believe they have the potential for great things! Thank you for attending our briefing meeting in September and the parents' evening in November. The slides from the briefing meeting are still available to download from the school website if you missed this; it's also worth revisiting this if you have not yet downloaded the 'Show my Homework' app. It would be brilliant if all Year 9 parents and carers can utilise this as a means of supporting students with their homework.

We are very grateful to the PE department for putting on various inter tutor group sports competitions towards the end of the autumn term; special mention to 9J for winning the rugby and 9N for winning the hockey. It was also great to see so many of our Year 9 students involved in 'Robin's Hoodie'. Well done also to those students who received a Christmas Commendation at the end of term.

Year 9 attendance has been good so far this academic year; the group are ahead of where they were this time last year so thank you for your help in ensuring that your son/daughter only misses school when genuinely poorly. Students are very aware of the link between their attendance and their future success, particularly as they have commenced GCSE studies in core subjects. If your son/daughter does have to miss school then please remember to contact the school straight away. I am pleased to report that I have no 'nags' about uniform; Year 9 are invariably extremely well turned out.

We will look forward to seeing you again at the KS4 Options Evening on Thursday 1st March from 4.30pm. Please make this meeting a priority as your son/daughter carefully makes their options choices. You will also receive a full progress report prior to Options Evening.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Please do keep in touch; your child's tutor, as always, remains the first point of contact.

Yours sincerely

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