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Dear Parents,

Year 9 End of Half Term 2 2022/23 Update.

We have reached the end of another term and it has been great to see all that the year group have been doing.

We have a large number of our students who have now been trained both as anti-bullying ambassadors and mental health mentors. They have met every week planning activities, manning the Hub on a rota basis, mentoring students and giving assemblies, they are easily spotted by their unique gold ties. They are really taking their roles seriously and doing an excellent job at supporting others.

It has been great to see so many of our students taking part in trips and visits as well as school activities. These have included trips to Twickenham, London and Portsmouth.

On the sports field we have had a large number of students competing both at school and against other schools on away fixtures. There have been some amazing performances including our boys' rugby team who are now area champions, beating Thomas Hardy School in the final.

It is also lovely to hear about students out in the community taking part in sports, drama and now some beginning to have part time jobs. Please do encourage them to talk to their tutors about all that they are doing.

Attendance at school remains really important for so many reasons. I know I have had a lot of conversations with parents this term on this subject and many of you have received letters. Whilst we fully understand when there is genuine illness we would encourage you to send your child in if at all possible. We now have a Family Liaison Officer, Sarah Higgins, who many of you have had contact with. Please do get in touch if you need any support or advice regarding attendance.

Our tutors have been working positively with their tutor groups and supporting their students in a wide range of situations. If you have anything you wish to discuss with them please do contact them as they should always be the first point of contact in school – the earlier we know about something the sooner we can help, this also applies to things that happen outside of school hours.

Please can you check uniform before returning to school in January. Some skirts are becoming too short and boots are being worn with skirts, please do check the school website for uniform requirements. A black V-neck jumper may be worn under the school blazer but not instead of.



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Important Dates next term

Tuesday 24 January – Y9 Parents Evening, please book on line.

Wednesday 1 February – Y9 Options Evening

Friday 10 February – Non student day, start of the half term holiday.

I wish you and all your family a peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Students return on Wednesday 4 January Week A

Yours sincerely



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