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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 – Update

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased we are with the work and commitment that Year 9 students have made so far to this academic year, particularly considering the current challenges we all face, as well as flagging up some key dates.

Last term we released a virtual parents' information presentation in which you will find the up and coming key dates for the year ahead (these can also be found on our website <u>here</u>) and other relevant information regarding attendance and how we will be monitoring academic progress throughout the year ahead.

Part 1: 5 minute Presentation covering: Pastoral team, Safeguarding and Standards https://www.loom.com/share/a4ff4b2c0c9a48cbb1f68569874abb89

Part 2: Mini Presentations - Subject Specific:

Supporting your child in Maths:

https://www.loom.com/share/a1ac11370c4b486ba557873cfac56288 password: MES2020

Supporting your child in English:

https://youtu.be/5Fs7-FFFRxk

In this correspondence I also wanted to highlight that, in these unprecedented times, attendance to school, or if self-isolating logging into online live lessons, is vital as is participation in the newly acquired support website called GCSEPod. This website will help students in the year group to identify the areas that they are struggling to master and help them to overcome any conceptual difficulties that they may have on the work covered during the first national lockdown.

I would also like to reassure you that we are here to help if your son/daughter has anxieties that are leading to attendance issues so please contact their tutor if this is the case.

I have been really impressed with how the year group has approached their return to school this academic year. They have made a fantastic start with their GCSE options, and I look forward to continuing with the students and indeed yourselves on this journey.

Thank you for your support and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bishop Head of Year 9

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