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Dear Parents/Carers

## Welcome to Year 9

As another new academic year begins, I am delighted to welcome back our Year 9 students. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. The students have made an impressive start to the academic year, and they have been receiving lots for praise from a variety of teachers. The students look very smart and so far, students have displayed a mature attitude towards their studies.

This is the most important academic year your child has yet to face. In Year 9 students must build upon knowledge and achievements gained in Year 7 and 8 and must also prepare for their GCSE choices. Students must be looking forward to and focusing on their option choices; further communication about this will be sent to parents later in the year. To help you support your child in their studies this year, please read the Year 9 Curriculum Maps [here](#) which outlines what the students will be studying each term, how they will be assessed and how students can develop their learning beyond the classroom.

At Wexham School, we believe that education is truly successful when school and families work together, and I look forward to working closely with you and your child's form tutor and teachers, to ensure that your child takes advantage of all that Wexham School has to offer. In order to achieve this, it is vital that we focus on the following:

- Maintaining good attendance and punctuality
- Continuing the excellent standards of school uniform
- Ensuring homework is completed and handed in on time
- Maintaining good communication between school and home

### Attendance

Please be reminded that when a student's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern. Even at 95% attendance, nearly 50 hours of learning is lost plus all of the benefits of socialising and interacting with peers. Ensuring attendance at school is a parent/guardian's legal obligation and we are keen to support parents with this, not least because of the huge amount of national data that proves the correlation between good attendance and academic progress.

### ClassCharts

As in previous years, ClassCharts will be our main method of communicating with parents. With the ClassCharts app you can see what rewards or sanctions your child has received during the day as well as their attendance percentage. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any issues with the app.

### Expectations

Wexham School prides itself on behaviour and expectations will be higher for all students in Year 9. In order for them to achieve their full potential they need to fully apply themselves in every lesson. Behaviour that does not meet our expectations or is having a detrimental impact upon the learning of the other students will be sanctioned accordingly and this could mean your child being out of circulation, missing out on being taught by a specialist teacher in that subject.

Another area that I would like to highlight is school uniform. All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day along with appropriate school shoes. This includes skirts being worn to the knee and not being rolled or tied at the back. Students are allowed to have one small stud in the bottom of each ear lobe; these should be a small plain silver or gold stud. Make-up, including colour in eyebrows, tinted/false eyelashes, tinted moisturiser, fake tan or concealer is not allowed.

## Equipment

It is vitally important that students bring the correct equipment to school each day, being properly equipped is essential for effective learning, progress, and success in all subjects. To ensure that every student is fully prepared, all students are expected to bring a pencil case with the following items each day:

A black or blue pen	At least one spare pen	A green pen (for student corrections)
Pencil	Rubber	Ruler
Protractor	Calculator	Glue stick

## Year 9 Key Events

We run a number of events across the academic year and will send more information about individual events throughout the year. I have included some key events for Year 8 and dates below so that you can get them into your calendars early.

Event	Date
Academic Progress Day	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Careers Fair	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Academic Progress Evening	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9 Parents Evening and Pathways	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Academic Progress Evening	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June

I am excited about what this year will bring as students continue their Wexham School journey and am delighted to be the Head of Year for such a fantastic group of students.

Yours faithfully



Mr J George  
Leader of Key Stage 3