

# Year 9 Newsletter

Issue 2 - January 2024

## Welcome

Firstly, I would like to wish you all, all the very best for 2024. It is difficult to believe that the students have almost reached the halfway point at the academy before students begin to choose their GCSE courses. The next few weeks will however be crucial as we prepare Year 9 students to select their GCSE options; there will be a number of assemblies and events to support with this process and I anticipate speaking to as many parents and carers as possible.

Mr Tootle

Mrs Bibby



Achievement Leader

Head of Year

## Home Learning Focus

Home learning tasks continue to be set on ClassCharts. Support from parents and carers is always hugely appreciated and valued in this area. Log-in codes are available at request from myself. Computers remain available for students to complete their homework during break, lunch and after school until 3.40pm. These are available in E-Block and students' use is always encouraged. Many home learning tasks are designed to feed into the following sequence of lessons, so it is paramount that students hand their home learning task in on time.

## Achievement

We continue to celebrate the success of our students that continue to shine. Particular credit to the following students who make-up our 'Top Ten' highest achievement points scorers for December

- Kai 9C*
- Josh H 9Y*
- Crystal Q 9Y*
- Hannah S 9C*
- Danni E 9C*
- Darcie G 9U*
- Lincoln N 9C*
- Hayden B 9M*
- Maisie B 9Y*
- Sean H 9M*



## Attendance Matters

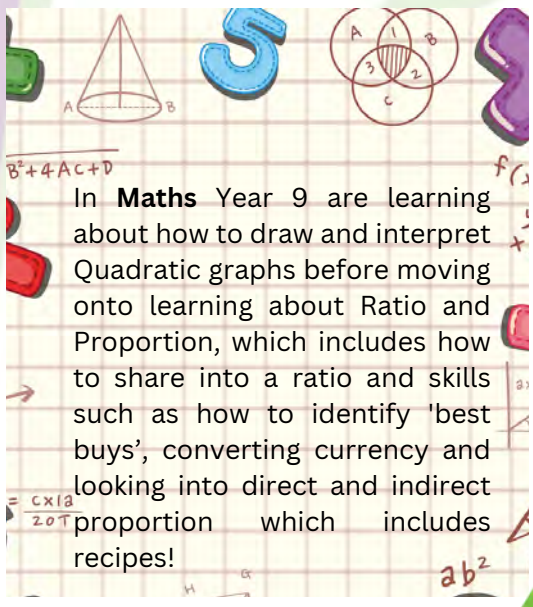
One of our main priorities remains student attendance. A key message that is shared with students is "better attendance leads to better academic outcomes". We have an aspirational target that we want all students to strive to achieve which is 96% and above and we work hard with students to achieve this. I have been working closely with Assistant Principal Mr. Hodgson to provide a range of prizes and incentives to reward those students for weekly and cumulative attendance across the half-term. Our reward strategy will continue to be a key feature of our assemblies in Year 9 and attendance a key criterion for participation in rewards events. Year 9 attendance is regularly above 90% and I would encourage you to continue to support your child in attending school on a regular basis.

## Curriculum Spotlight

### English & Mathematics

This edition focuses on the various topics students are currently studying in English and Maths

In **English** Year 9 will be reading 'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas. This was originally published in 2017 and has won critical acclaim. Students will be using it as a platform to develop their skills in rhetoric.



In **Maths** Year 9 are learning about how to draw and interpret Quadratic graphs before moving onto learning about Ratio and Proportion, which includes how to share into a ratio and skills such as how to identify 'best buys', converting currency and looking into direct and indirect proportion which includes recipes!

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## Assessment Focus

Year 9 will be undertaking **Core Examinations in English, Maths and Science** during the week commencing **Monday 22nd January 2024**. Assessments will take place in other subjects during week commencing Monday 29th January 2024.

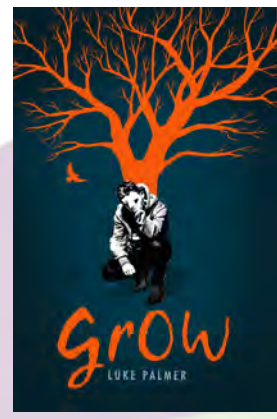
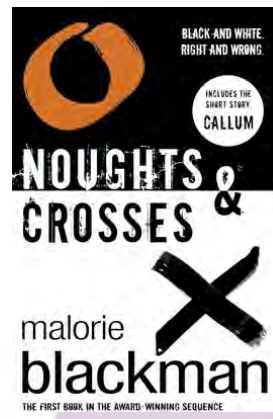
Tracking 2 Reports will be then circulated on basis of these results.



## Reading Spotlight

Year 9 have two Ready to Learn sessions each week devoted to Reading (Thursday and Friday).

At present Band 1 are reading *Noughts and Crosses* (Malorie Blackman) and Band 2 are reading *Grow* (Luke Palmer).



Particular praise to the following students who were recognised as part of the Twelve Books of Christmas programme last term for their participation in reading.

*Ben W 9C Lily C 9Y Callum T 9C Crystal Q 9Y Lexi C 9G  
Libby S 9N Lincoln C 9C Lucas W 9Y Madi F 9A Ryan S 9T  
Taylor-Jayne L 9T Tyler L 9M*

## Trips and Events

Well done to all students who attended our Christmas celebration event at the end of last term. A fitting reward their excellent behaviour, attendance and punctuality. We look forward to our next events which will take place shortly before the Easter Holidays.



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This term we look forward to welcoming you to the academy for

**Year 9 Options Evening**  
**Thursday**  
**1 February**  
**2024**

**YEAR 9**  
  
**OPTIONS EVENING**

Please feel free to email me with any queries



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