

Year 9 Newsletter

Issue 1 - October 2024

Welcome

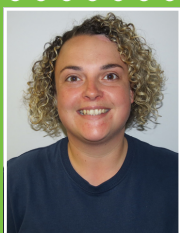
Hello all and welcome to the first edition of our Year 9 newsletter!

The students have had an excellent first half term. The students continued to impress us with their attitude towards their recent assessments and how they once again embraced the Revision Revolution! Students have been developing their self-efficacy when it comes to preparing for assessments. We look forward to finding out if their hard work has paid off when Tracking 1 results are released shortly!

Well done Year 9 for a great start to the year and thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children as always!

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement Leader



Head of Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year

Achievement

Well done to all of our Year 9s who have won awards or finished top in the year group in half term 1!

Student of the Month September

– Benny F

Student of the Month October

– Ruby D

Our Values

Winners of a most academy values points for HT1:

Kind – Mia L

Resilient – Bobby T

Reflective – Ruby D

Part of a Community – Benny F

Most Overall Achievement Points – Ruby D

Fortnightly Rewards Focus

Every 2 weeks, Year 9 are given a challenge which aims to improve standards and expectations across the year group. All students who achieve the challenge are either put into a prize draw or instantly win a prize!

Focus 1 – 5 or more kindness points - Queue Jump Pass

Focus 2 – English and Maths homework completed – Breakfast for 25 winners

Focus 3 – Sweets for all who receive no on calls

WINNER



Student of the Month - September
Benny F



Student of the Month - October
Ruby D

Congratulations!

Focus 1



Focus 2



Focus 3



Find us here:



Well Done!

Curriculum Spotlight

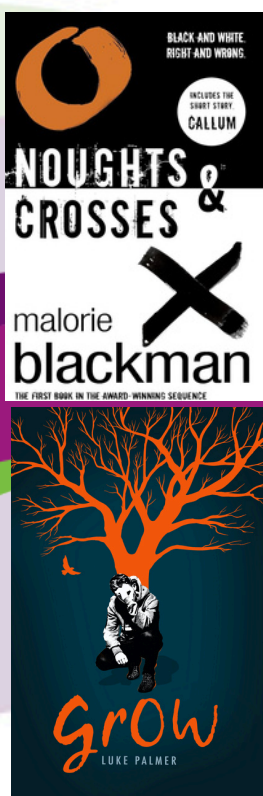
English – HT1: Students studied Willy Russell's play Blood Brothers which revolves around twin brothers, Mickey and Edward, who are separated at birth and are brought up in very different environments.

HT2: Students will be studying the novel The Hate You Give following the story of Starr Carter who is constantly switching between two worlds - the poor, mostly black neighbourhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends. After witnessing a horrific murder Starr must find her voice and decide to stand up for what's right. During the unit, pupils will produce a number of pieces of rhetoric to help them develop finding their voice.

History – HT1: Students have read historical interpretations and studied historical sources when learning about women's suffrage in the 20th century and how the campaign for women's right to vote began peacefully with the Suffragists, and ended violently with the Suffragettes.

HT2: Students will be studying World War One and learn about the experiences of soldiers on the front line, as well as the experiences of civilians on the home front.

READY TO
LEARN



What students are
reading.

Assessment Focus



Well done to all students who thoroughly prepared for their recent assessments and for engaging so well during the tests to show what you have learnt.

Special congratulations to the following students:

Improved assessment engagement –
Reece U

Revision Revolution Champions

Megan B
Charlie F
Ffion G
Olivia T



Overall Winner: Dylan J

Tracking 1 Reports – these will be sent out electronically to parents/carers on the week beginning Monday 11th November.

Reading Spotlight



Sparx Reader - Year 9 engagement in Sparx Reader has reduced since it was launched last year. This is an invaluable life skill that all students require. Please encourage your child to complete their 20 minutes of reading a week as part of their compulsory English homework.

Reading in R2L – twice a week students read with their tutor as part of the Year 9 R2L programme.

Band 1 are currently reading "Noughts and Crosses" by Malorie Blackman.

Band 2 are reading "Grow" by Luke Palmer.

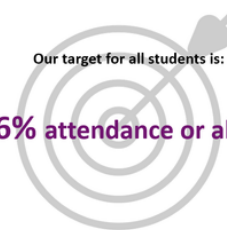
Attendance Matters

Weekly 100% Award - This year we are rewarding excellent attendance a bit differently. As opposed to just one student winning a weekly prize, we have increased it to 5! All students who have 100% attendance the week previously are entered into a prize draw and winners are announced in assembly. Well done to all winners so far!

One of our main priorities is student attendance to school. Our academy target for all students is 96% in a school year. Good attendance is directly linked to better performance at school. Please ensure your child attends every day!

Our target for all students is:

96% attendance or above



Home Learning Focus



Homework Room - EG02 everyday:
Before school - 8:05-8:30am
Lunch time - 1:10-1:35pm
After school - 2:40-3:40pm

If you feel your child would benefit from attending our Year 9 only homework club whether it's to help them with their homework routine, receive support to complete tasks or just have a quiet place to work, please contact Miss Lithgow.



Parent Tip:

Login Details – it is essential that students and parents/carers regularly check Class Charts to monitor homework tasks. If you or your child need a reminder of the login details please contact anyone from the Year 9 Team..

Trips and Events

BBC Bitesize Careers & Aspirations Event – on Thursday 26th September we welcomed back guests from BBC Bitesize who delivered an informative and engaging talk with Year 9 students. The focus was around future careers and aspirations which will be a key theme running throughout this academic year as students consider what options they will take next year.

PE Competition Week – during the last week of the half term students took part in Competition Week during their PE lessons where they represented their team in two activities. Girls did Crazy Catch and boys did Capture the Flag Rugby then they both joined forces in a mixed Dodgeball tournament! Results are below:

Year 9

1st - Taylor and Victoria
2nd - Sherdley
3rd - Queens

Overall

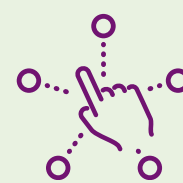
1st - Victoria
2nd - Sherdley
3rd - Taylor
4th - Queens



Careers & Aspirations Event



Advanced Notice Options Events



Thursday 6 February – Year 9 Options Evening

Friday 14 February – Year 9 options sample lessons

Thursday 13 March – Partnership Evening and Options

Interviews with ALT