



Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I really hope that you have all had a lovely summer and I am delighted to tell you that our Year 9 students have settled really well back into school. I am certainly looking forward to continuing to work with Year 9. At the start of this academic year, I thought it would be useful to outline key information on what will be expected from the students in Year 9 and how the school and I plan to support them.

This year, students will not only have the support from myself as Head of Year, they will also be working alongside Miss McMullen (our Pastoral Manager), who the students already know very well. As a Year 9 team, we will be supporting students with the decisions they will have to make for their Option choices as well as providing information and guidance to you as parents/carers. Year 9 is an important year for students to focus in lessons to ensure they are well prepared for making their Option choices. I have spoken to the year group in our assembly already about my expectations for this year; the importance of focus in lessons/homework, social responsibility, and the need for excellent attendance.

It is important that students start to invest more time outside of the school day into their studies, ensuring that homework is completed and to a good standard. Adopting effective revision strategies when they have key assessments will help to prepare students for the start of their GCSEs next year.

More specific information for Year 9 will be discussed at our Year 9 Information, Advice and Guidance evening (IAG). This will be online on **Wednesday 27th September**. The link for this virtual event will be sent out next week.

Whilst the support and resources that we offer will prove invaluable to our students, it can only be maximised if they attend school on time each day, taking full advantage of the opportunities provided. Maintaining excellent attendance is crucial to ensure that students do not fall behind in their learning and miss other extra-curricular opportunities available to them. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes simply unavoidable, at Lymm High School we strive for students to have attendance above 97%, dropping below this figure has the potential to impact negatively upon their grades.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to some of the key dates to note for this academic year:

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Activity	Date
Yr9 Information Evening	27/09/2023 (starting at 6pm)
Yr9 Options assemblies (students only)	8/01/24/-12/01/24
Yr9 assessments (English/maths/science)	15/01/24-19/01/24
Yr9 Options evening (parents/carers)	18/01/24
Yr9 Parents' Evening	22/02/2024
Yr9 Options deadline	8/03/24
KS3 EBacc exams	10/06/24-21/06/24

Should you have any queries or questions, please see the list of key contacts below to help you identify the best person to contact:

Subject-specific query/concern	Subject teacher or Head of Faculty
Student welfare query/concern	Miss McMullen (Year 9 Pastoral Manager)
General progress query/concern	Form Tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Mrs Wagstaff (Head of Year)

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Wagstaff
Head of Year 9