



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to yourselves and the students after what I hope has been an enjoyable and restful summer holidays. If you are joining us for the first time welcome to our Emmbrook family and I hope you are looking forward to your new school.

At the onset of another school year, I felt it was important to get in touch and communicate with you what you can expect from Year 9.

As I am sure you are all aware, this year is a very important one for our students. They are rapidly growing up (too rapidly!) and will be making some important choices regarding their GCSEs. Our sole aim is making sure that every student in the year group is able to make sensible, informed choices when the time comes. In order to make sure all students fulfil their potential I would like to make reference to Mrs Ridsdale's communications at the end of term surrounding Our learning Habits. These aim to raise the profile of our core values and support our students by equipping them with habits that will enable positive learning choices without even thinking, day in and day out.

- Wear our uniform correctly – **FAMILY**
- Be fully equipped every day – **AMBITION**
- Arrive on time – **INTEGRITY**
- Be polite at all times – **RESPECT**

It is these learning habits, that we will continue to reinforce throughout the school day, every day, in order to highlight their importance now, and in the future. I would appreciate if you could discuss these with your child prior to the start of the term.

We naturally have high expectations of our students but equally, students should also have high expectations of their teachers, tutors, other members of staff, and most importantly themselves. By doing this our students will have the best possible choices available to them.

Last year was a positive experience for our students. The average final grade across the year group, students were Meeting Expectation. Furthermore, the average attitude towards learning was also graded Good. However, this was not simply a happy accident. The students worked incredibly hard to achieve highly in all areas of school life. Now it's time to step it up, as we move into the next stage of their journey. With the next level of effort and application, I wholeheartedly believe that this year will be even better.

I, and the whole team, look forward to continuing to work with all parents and carers over the next year. With your support, I am sure that Year 9 will enjoy another hugely successful year. As ever, please feel free to contact any member of the year team should you have any concerns or questions.

Kind Regards

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