

# Year 9 Update

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**Autumn Term A 2022**

Make sure to check out our Autumn Term >>> Enrichment programme! <<<

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the end of Autumn A, I am pleased to say that Year 9 have had a fantastic start to the year. As you are aware, Year 9 will be selecting their GCSE optional subjects later on this year; and it has been great to hear about the enthusiasm shown by students across the full range of subjects so far, and the great work they have been producing.

Last week saw our first in-person parental workshop on the theme of online safety. It was great to see a number of you in attendance at this event, and to have the opportunity to meet and speak to you. Details of all future workshops have been sent out to you separately – please do come along!

The majority of students in Year 9 have by this point engaged with at least one extra-curricular, student leadership or enrichment programme offered by the school – including Wimbledon Ball Girl tryouts, sports clubs, school council, and school production rehearsals, to name a few. There is lots on offer for Year 9s to get involved with, so please do encourage your daughter to sign up if she has not already done so; or to let us know if there is something she would be interested in, if it is not currently offered.

Students really enjoyed our Black History Month celebrations, the theme this year being 'Black and Great.' In particular, The Year 9 Underexposed Arts Talk was very well received by students; and students have engaged fantastically in lessons.

We have lots to look forward to in the Autumn B term including the National Grid Energy Challenge and 'Jump Rope for Heart' skipping competition fundraiser. Rehearsals for the school production of 'A Christmas Carol' will be in full swing, preparing for the first live night on November 24<sup>th</sup>, sports fixtures, a Christmas Tree Service, and Carol Service.

After half term, we will also be starting our Year 9 Homework Club. This is an opportunity for your daughter to come along and receive some help and support in completing her homework – with staff and sixth-form helpers available for this. Homework club will run until 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students should email me if they would like to attend.

Wishing you a very happy half term.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Roberts**  
Head of Year 9

*There have also been some fantastic sports achievements this half term, you can find these on our [school twitter!](#)*

## Students' Achievements

### 1 - Most Rewards:

1. Catherine B (9C) – 40
2. Diane M (9C) – 39
3. Sandra K (9C) – 36

Congratulations to 9C who are currently leading the way with 814 Reward Points

### 2 – Highest Attendance:

There are currently 101 students in Year 9 who have 100% attendance. Please do keep up the good work!

Congratulations to 9M who lead the way with 97.5%!

### 3 – External Success:

- Congratulations to Simran S (9U) who received her Grade 5 Music Theatre Certificate over the Summer!
- Good luck to Holly B (9U) who will be competing for Team GB at the Trampoline World Age Group Championships in Bulgaria, next month!

*If your daughter participates in sport or other activities outside of school do encourage her to let us know.*

## Autumn A Highlights

- **Black History Month-** Underexposed Arts Talk (right)
- **World Mental Health Day**
- **Open Evening** – This is always one of the best events of the half term. It was brilliant to see so many Year 9s volunteering as tour / subject guides.



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## Upcoming Events

### November

- **31<sup>st</sup> October** Inset Day
- **1<sup>st</sup> November:** Inset Day
- **2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Start of Autumn B Term
- **24/25<sup>th</sup> November:** School production 'A Christmas Carol'
- **25<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Tree Service
- **25<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Fair (Year 9 selling to Year 8)

### December

- **2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Christmas Fair (Year 8 selling to Year 9)
- **8<sup>th</sup> December:** German Christmas Market Fair
- **9<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 9 & 10 Inter-House Netball Festival
- **12<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Jump Rope for Heart' Skipping Competition Fundraiser
- **12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Carol Service, 8.00pm, Sacred Heart Church
- **16<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Assembly and Last Day of Term
- **3<sup>rd</sup> January:** Start of Spring A Term

## Looking Ahead

- **6<sup>th</sup> February:** Spanish trip to Pontevedra
- **16<sup>th</sup> March:** Chaplaincy Retreat to Desenzano House
- **16<sup>th</sup> March:** Royal Observatory trip (Maths & Science)
- **29<sup>th</sup> March:** Bayonne Exchange – French School of Largante
- **31<sup>st</sup> March:** Ski Trip to Austria

*\*Please note this is not a complete event list and is intended to provide a snapshot only. Events may be subject to change.*

## Wellbeing

### Parental Workshops

- **7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Students with SEND**
- **10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Emotional regulation**
- **17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Emotional regulation**

Cost of living crisis: please use the link to check if you qualify for the governments Free School Meals scheme:

<https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application>

**NHS**  
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**Education Wellbeing Service**

**Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23**  
Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

**22ND, 26TH OR 27TH SEPT**  
Mental Health during the teenage years - an introduction and overview  
For year 7 & year 8 parents

**9TH, 10TH OR 15TH NOV**  
Supporting your teen through emotional storms - emotion regulation skills and strategies  
For all secondary school parents

**26TH, 30TH OR 1ST JAN/FEB**  
Understanding and supporting anxiety during the teenage years  
For all secondary parents

**13TH, 16TH OR 17TH MAR**  
Supporting and managing exam and assignment stress: top tips and ideas for parents  
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus

**4TH, 9TH OR 11TH MAY**  
Understanding and supporting teen sleep: an overview of the research and recommendations  
For all secondary parents

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or search:  
[www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989)

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.