

April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to write to you to share information about the next stage in your child's Year 9 journey. At the end of this academic year we will be holding our annual Graduation Ceremony for Year 9. The Graduation Ceremony will celebrate the hard work of students in this cohort and is a stepping stone to starting GCSEs. We want all students to have the opportunity to graduate.

Students will be awarded a graduation level based on the effort grade they have been awarded in their penultimate Praising Stars report (May half term) **and** great attendance. We have shared the criteria for a successful graduation in an assembly with students:

- **Platinum-** All E1's and great attendance
- **Gold-** E1's and some E2's and great attendance
- **Silver-** E1's and some E2's and great attendance
- **Silver-** E1's, E2's, some E3's and great attendance
- **Bronze-** Mostly E3's and great attendance

We have discussed with the whole year group how much we want each and every student to be successful and graduate. The Praising Stars they receive shortly will give an indication as to what graduation level your child could be awarded and a focus to achieve their very best at the next one. It will also allow us to work together to ensure students achieve this graduation level.

Students who receive regular C4/C5 sanctions or need to improve their attendance will be given the opportunity to be placed on Graduation Monitoring. We will work closely with these students to give them every opportunity for them to graduate.

I am sure you will agree that graduating is a very special occasion for our students and we look forward to inviting you to the graduation ceremony in July. We would like to take this opportunity to **'Save the Date'** for the week commencing 1 July 2024. Students will graduate with their Tutor groups on either the 1 or 2 of July that week and we will be able to share further details with you in the near future.

We are very proud to be responsible for Y9 and excited for the journey the students have ahead this year. We thank you in advance for supporting your child in striving to achieve their very best graduation level and look forward to sharing in their celebration at the end of the summer term. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Mr Duffy or Mr Slack.

Yours faithfully

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