



12 January 2024

Dear Parent / Carers

I hope you and your families had a lovely festive break. Year 9 have made a fantastic start back.

Year 9 Revision and Support Evening

A reminder that we would like to invite you to our Year 9 Revision and Support Evening on Thursday 25 January. The purpose of the evening is to offer advice and guidance on how you can help support your child at home with their revision strategies. Students in Year 9 will shortly be engaging in their Options process which will no doubt begin to focus their attention on subjects they will study at GCSE level and we think this is a good time to start to support them with how they can manage their independent learning and revision at home in preparation for their transition to Key Stage 4 at the end of this academic year.

Due to the expected numbers of parents / carers we envisage attending, we have decided to run the same session at two different times:

Session 1 – 16.30 – 17.30

Session 2 – 17.45 – 18.45

Please can you complete the short form [HERE](#) to indicate the time you wish to attend.

The evening is open to students and parents/carers and we encourage both to attend so that we can achieve a shared understanding of what effective revision looks like.

When you arrive student leaders will direct you to the theatre for a presentation by your child's Year Leader followed by information on how you can support your child with specific revision strategies along with some simple interactive activities to participate in. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

PSHE Curriculum

Students in Year 9 will be studying aspects of Gaming / Gambling this half term during PSHE lessons. The content of these sessions will enable students to learn and develop their wider skills e.g. collaboration, making links, interdependence and empathy & listening.

Year 9 will look at:

- Social and moral implications of gaming.
- Benefits and drawbacks of gaming.

Change of Subject Evening Dates

We have reviewed the school calendar and in order to ensure that the upcoming Options process for Year 9 can take place at the most appropriate time and that we have the correct resources in place for September, we have made a change to the Subject Evening dates for Years 9 and 10. The revised dates will now be:

Year 9 Subject Evening (including information on Options subjects): Monday 4 March 4pm – 8pm.

Further information regarding these events will be sent out a few weeks beforehand.

Finally, as an RSC Associate School we have been offered tickets to the preview of First Encounters with Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet on Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 18:30 - 20:00, at Sydenham Primary School, Leamington Spa. Tickets are available for NLS using the following link. There are 150 available and have been offered to all the schools in the Leamington Network. Access to the ticket sales is [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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