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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 continue to settle well in to KS4. All students have now had a college assembly, which was a wonderful opportunity to welcome the new Year 7 students into their colleges. This half term, our new Student Leaders are in post and there are plans for the Year 12 College Leaders to meet with their full College Teams very soon. This half term we will also be running our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, with a college focus for this year.

Manor College are currently the top College in our rewards point league and last week saw Andrew (9PK02), Birenjeet (9MR01) and Taylor (9BW01) as our top 3 students – a massive well done to those individuals! Information around our Christmas Rewards Event will be released very soon.

### **Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award**

Mr Beese attended our assembly on Tuesday to inform the students of a fantastic opportunity to gain their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at school. Students have until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to apply. In order to do this, they need to complete an application which can be collected from the PE office. More information about the Bronze Award can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuZMfKbMW6M>.

### **KS4 Options**

Staff are really pleased with how Year 9 students have settled in to their KS4 option subjects. We have had a small number of students who have felt they have made the wrong decision and requested to change options. We have supported this where it has been logistically possible however, we are getting to the point where it will be too challenging for students to catch up on missed learning. With this in mind, we will now only allow students to change options in exceptional circumstances where we will first identify if there is capacity for students to change their options and then students will collect work from the new subject to show that they are able to catch up on the missed learning. Parents must continue to email Miss Murphy to provide consent for their child to change a KS4 option and this must be in line with the EBACC expectation and other choice guidelines from the original process.

### **Attendance**

Attendance continues to be a focus for the whole-school so I would like to ask for your support in ensuring your young person is on time and in school every day – we aim for all students to have at least 96% attendance. We are going to be launching a Challenge 100 the week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is where tutor groups will compete for 100% attendance. Those tutor groups that manage this will be treated to a hot chocolate in the canteen. For those individuals with 100% attendance, they will be awarded with an R3.

Thank you for the on-going support of your young person, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's tutor if you have any further questions.

Best Wishes

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Miss P Murphy