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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to say that the year group has made an extremely positive start to year 9. As we approach the end of the first half term I would like to take this opportunity to flag up some of the key events in the academic year.

- 26<sup>th</sup> January – Options Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> February – Progress Review to parents
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Evening (Forms C, D, E, G)
- 8<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (Forms P, S, W, Y)
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Careers Evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> May Insight tests (Internal tests to help set GCSE target grades. No revision required)
- 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 9 exams week
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 trips begin (Valkenburg sets off on 11<sup>th</sup> June)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Summative Year 9 Reports issued

During year 9 students will be making decisions about which GCSE subjects to take next year. Students will receive support about GCSE subject choices from careers staff, Heads of Subject and also through the Options evening for parents and students at the end of January.

I hope that the information in this letter will help you as parents to support your child through the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Martyn Beer (Deputy Head – Curriculum) if you have any questions about arrangements for Year 9.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 9