



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

I am happy to inform you that students have returned from the summer break with an excellent approach to the academic year and have made an extremely positive start to Year 9. I have been encouraging students to become involved in the extra-curricular activities that the school provides and reminding them to take responsibility for their behaviour and approach to learning when in school.

I would like to take this opportunity to flag up some of the key events in the academic year.

**20<sup>th</sup> December**

Progress Review to parents

**12<sup>th</sup> February**

Options Evening (course choices at GCSE are explained)

**27<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents' Evening

**12<sup>th</sup> March**

Careers' Evening

**30<sup>th</sup> March-3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Year 9 Exams (taking place in the Sports Hall/classrooms)

**8<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 9 trips begin (except Valkenburg, which sets off on 7<sup>th</sup> June)

**16<sup>th</sup> June**

Progress Review to parents

**15<sup>th</sup> June- 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 9 Yellis testing (cognitive tests to help set GCSE target grades. No revision required)

During Year 9, students will be making decisions about which GCSE subjects to take next year. They will receive support about GCSE subject choices from Careers staff, Heads of Subject and also through the Options evening for parents and students in February.

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

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 9

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