



Dear Parent and Carers,

7th February 2025

It was fantastic to see so many Year 9 parents and students at the Year 9 Parents and Options Evening. There was a lovely buzz, and it was fantastic to see so many students receiving the praise they rightly deserve for their hard work. I was also impressed by how thoughtfully they are approaching the options process.

We all know mornings can be hectic, but getting your child to school on time is crucial for their learning and development. Every minute counts! Being punctual ensures your child doesn't miss out on valuable learning time, important announcements, and the chance to settle into the school day with their classmates. Consistent lateness can disrupt their learning, impact their confidence, and make them feel disconnected. We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause delays, but we want to work together to minimise lateness. Here are some top tips to help avoid the morning rush and ensure your child arrives at school on time:

- **Plan Ahead:** Prepare as much as possible the night before. Pack lunches, lay out clothes, and check homework. A little preparation goes a long way!
- **Set Multiple Alarms:** Don't rely on just one alarm. Set a couple of reminders to ensure you and your child wake up on time.
- **Establish a Routine:** A consistent morning routine helps everyone stay organised and focused. Try to stick to the same wake-up and departure times each day, even on weekends.
- **Build in Buffer Time:** Unexpected things happen! Add an extra 10-15 minutes to your schedule to account for potential delays.
- **Communicate:** If you anticipate being late for a valid reason, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.
- **Lead by Example:** Children learn by observing. Show them the importance of punctuality by being on time yourself.

A reminder the school will be closed during half term week, Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February and additionally, the school will be closed to all students on Monday 24th February for staff training. All students return to school on Tuesday 25th February.

I would like to remind all parents for the safety of our students, our driveway barrier closes from 3.05pm to 3.20pm each day. Vehicular movement during this is not permitted. If you have a meeting at school in the afternoon and need to leave during this time, please let staff know in advance.

The Form Time Focus for next week is "Respectful".

We will be teaching the following **PSHE topics** next week. If you do not wish for your child to participate or have a question relating to the subjects, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 11 – Where does Government spend our money?

Year 10 – What are my personal boundaries?

Year 9 – Careers; UEA workshops.



Year 8 – What does caffeine do to my body?

Year 7 – What are the physical changes in puberty?

Votes for schools - This week students have been voting on “Should we be more worried about drone use?”. If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal