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## Celebrating an Excellent Start to Year 9

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the term draws to a close, we extend our warmest wishes to you all ahead of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Your continued engagement and support have been invaluable this term, providing a strong foundation for our students as they navigate the exciting shift into Year 9. This year is not just another step up; it is the critical launchpad for their journey toward GCSE success, and the proactive way our young people have embraced this challenge is commendable.

A key highlight this term was the successful start of the Pathways and Options subjects on the Key Stage 4 Journey. While we know many have settled fantastically into their new courses, we also recognise that apprehension can accompany new challenges. For this reason, we strongly encourage everyone to use the Christmas break for a restful and rejuvenating pause, allowing students to return in January with renewed focus and high aspiration.

Beyond the classroom, Year 9 has demonstrated outstanding character. Their enthusiastic participation in extra-curricular life; from excelling in competitive sporting teams and contributing to the spectacular *Aladdin* production to signing up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award shows a commitment to holistic development and building resilience.

We commend Year 9 for their hard work and look forward to welcoming them back, refreshed and ready, in January 2025. However you celebrate, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a fulfilling New Year, and look forward to our continued partnership in the calendar year ahead.

Should any concerns regarding your son's or daughter's progress or pastoral care arise, please contact their tutor in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mr C. Wood**  
Director of Progress and Achievement

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