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Dear Parent/Carer

Whilst this has been a relatively short term, I feel it has been one of great success. Our year has continued to grow into their option subjects and beginning to show a real maturity towards their GCSE's. I feel students are getting to grips with understanding the new 9-1 regime, any option changes have now been completed and many are taking extra steps to ensure they are making positive progress.

On Wednesday 28th February we had a drop down day where Mrs Brett, Miss Szymura and I met with every student in the year to discuss their success. I felt this was incredibly valuable for everyone involved. It was immense praise and credit where deserved whilst also allowing all to understand their areas for improvement. This process will be repeated again in the summer term.

In addition to the GCSE subjects studied, Year 9 students have been completing enrichment lessons to supplement life skills and PSHE lessons. This has proven to be very popular with students going off site to participate in yoga classes, bikeability lessons and to use the facilities at Crewe Lifestyle Centre. In a world where there are so many pressures on students to achieve, it is nice to add some perspective and allow students the opportunity to experience an activity they may not be used to.

In terms of attendance we are dropping away from our target of **95%**. I understand that this is largely due to unavoidable illness that have been going round during the Spring Term but it is something that the students', form tutors and I will be focussing on over the next few months and also something I will be factoring in when planning summer rewards.

I would, once again, like to thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure organisation, attendance, equipment, uniform and home work standards for students are as high as possible. Please can I take the opportunity to remind you that every student should be attending school with basic equipment such as pens, pencils, rulers, calculators and PE kits. The full list can be seen in the planner. These elements are vital in enabling every student in this fantastic year group to make outstanding progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's form tutor, via the school office, if you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's progress.

Have a lovely Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Ledwards
Year 9 Achievement Manager

