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6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. I wanted to make contact early on in the year to outline the importance of the year ahead for our Year 9 students. As you are aware, your child was allocated a new form in the summer term, and the students' form tutors and I are looking forward to them developing positive relationships within their classes that will assist them this year and beyond. The expectations on your child are as important as ever, with the GCSE options process starting after Christmas. It is hugely important that students work hard in all subjects in order to allow them to make the best decisions regarding their choice of GCSE subjects. You are invited to attend the 'Year 9 Options Information Evening' for parents and students on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, where you will receive details about the option choosing process, as well as information regarding how to assist your child in their decision-making.

Furthermore, the annual Beverley Park trip will take place from 11<sup>th</sup>– 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This outdoor education trip is a superb event in the school calendar and all Year 9 students are expected to attend. This trip is hugely important in encouraging students' independence and resilience, developing their communication, decision-making and teamwork skills and their ability to form new relationships with their peers and staff. The Beverley Park week is an essential part of the transition to the upper school and provides a foundation on which to enter the upper school. The trip is expected to cost £350 and information regarding the trip will be sent home in due course. If you have any questions regarding the trip or other matters relating to your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance or myself as Head of Year 9.

Finally, I thought I would share some important dates for the diary for the year ahead:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1 May 2020  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

School Photograph Day  
Year 9 Options Evening  
Year 9 Parents' Evening  
Year 9 Examination Week  
Year 9 Beverley Park Week

Yours sincerely

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