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Dear parent/carer

You may be aware that like in previous years, at the end of Year 9 we hold an important graduation ceremony for all students in the year group who have successfully graduated into Senior Academy. The date of this ceremony has been booked for **Wednesday, 2nd July 2025;** please pop this in your diaries as this is always a wonderful event, and an opportunity to celebrate their hard work. It also marks the start of the GCSE studies which begin in Year 10 and is intended to help them be ready for the demands of those studies. Each student will have 2 tickets for parents / carers to attend and celebrate with.

The purpose of Graduation is to give students something clear to aim for at the end of Junior Academy. Graduation also helps train students to prepare for big examinations so when the GCSEs do come along, the students already have some strategies for how to prepare. This year the criteria will focus on **attendance, behaviour and academics**. Graduation is also a chance to celebrate the excellent work that takes place every day at the Academy. For students who always meet our high expectations, there is also a chance for public recognition at one of the Academy's largest and most prestigious events.

Pupils have the opportunity to graduate at a number of levels (please see below). The graduation requirements for this year are as follows:

- **Academic** (Responsibility for Learning, all subjects)
  Graduating with Distinction = 1 target grade above
  Graduating with Honours = "working above"
  Graduating = "working at"
  Not Graduating = "working below"

- **Attendance**
  Graduating with Distinction = 98% or above
  Graduating with Honours = 96% or above
  Graduating = 91.5% or above (national average)
  Not Graduating = 91.4% or below

- **Behaviour**
  Graduating with Distinction = no detentions of any kind
  Graduating with Honours = no level of behaviour report
  Graduating = No higher than Tutor Report
  Not Graduating = AVP report failure

Year 9 had the above criteria shared with them in this week's year group assembly. For clarity and fairness, all data will be tracked **from** Thursday 12th September, 2024. This has also been stuck in their student planners for their reference.

We also encourage students to get involved in extra-curricular activities, charity events and leadership opportunities where they can develop their character and give back to the community.

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We have high expectations of every Y9 student, yet we understand that for some students, the graduation criteria maybe more challenging than it is for others. It is hoped that every student successfully graduates into Senior Academy and support is readily available to every student along the way to ensure this happens!

Year 9 students will sit internal examinations **week commencing 7th April, 2025**. This will give an indication of whether students are on track to graduate across their subjects. In addition to this we will also release "progress capture" grades, prior to these examinations. Where we feel that students are not yet on track to meet the graduation criteria, we will give additional support and tasks for students to complete to improve their progress.

Similarly, pupils have weekly updates on their attendance and behaviour data, and so can quickly establish if they are on track in these areas also. Contact and intervention from the pastoral and attendance teams will also keep parents and carers informed of current data.

If the criteria are met, they will successfully graduate. **If students do not pass each area, then they could be held back in Junior Acdaemy until the school is satisfied a pupil is ready to graduate and enter Senior Academy.**

If you wish to discuss the Graduation process more thoroughly or indeed the contents of this letter in particular, please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff below on 01405 813000 or through the school website contacts facility.

Warm regards,

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