

18 September 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

Students have made a fantastic start to Year 9. We are really pleased with how they have settled into the first weeks. Teaching staff have been really impressed with their attitude to learning and have high hopes for them.

We have been really pleased with students' punctuality and attendance which has been outstanding. They look very smart in their new uniforms and we thank you for your continued support in making sure they keep up this high standard.

On the reverse of this letter you will find key dates specific to Year 9 and more generic key dates that might be of interest to you. You will also find enclosed a leaflet outlining the work of the creative arts offered at The King Edward VI School and a letter explaining about data protection from the county council.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is up to the discretion of the Headteacher whether or not holidays are granted during term time. Taking your child out during term time can have a big impact on learning. Year 9 have started GCSE's in Maths, Science and ICT and so will miss work that will be examined. Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances so it is important to supply information as to why the holiday has to be taken during term time with a holiday form.

We hope that your child has settled well into The King Edward VI School and is enjoying it. We will be writing to you with more details of events throughout the year and aim to update the website with relevant information as soon as possible. If you have any further queries please to do not hesitate to contact us in the Year Office or via the Student Support Area.

Yours sincerely

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Year 9 Leader

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Assistant Year 9 Leader

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Key Dates for Year 9

17 th September	Year 9 Photographs
21 st – 28 th September	Year 9 Tutor Group Activity days
15 th October	Commemoration Afternoon
22 nd October	Year 9 Tutor Welfare Evening
12 th November	Year 9 Grade Update goes out this week
17 th – 18 th November	Year 9 Connexions sessions
18 th January	Year 9 Grade Update goes out this week
27 th January	Year 9 Parent/Options Evening
3 rd February	Year 9 Parent/Options Evening
5 th February	Options Forms in
31 st March	Year 9 House Matches
21 st April	Supporting Your Child Year 9 into Year 10 Evening
4 th May	Year 9 Science Exam
27 th May	Year 9 Grade Update goes out this week
17 th June	Tutor Reports out this week
13 th – 14 th July	Year 9 Rewards Evening
19 th – 23 rd July	Year 9 Dalguise Trip

Key dates for whole school

1 October	Open Day
2 October	Non Uniform Day (Jeans for Genes)
23 October	Teacher Training Day
26 - 30 October	Half Term
3 November	Chance to Dance
21/22 November	Music Concert
4 December	Wine and Wassaling
16 December	Carol Service
18 December	Staff Pantomime (1.30pm finish for those not attending)
21 December – 1 January	Christmas Holidays
4 February	Drama Evening
15 – 19 February	Half Term
2 – 16 April	Easter Holidays
3 May	Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 June	Half Term
28 June	Teacher Training Day
6 July	Chance to Dance
10/11 July	Summer Concert County Orchestra Week
16 July	Sports Day
26 July	Summer Holidays