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Dear Parent and Year 9 students,

I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

I wanted to touch base with you all to make you aware of a few upcoming events in the Year 9 calendar which will be of importance to all the students:

- The non-core exams will continue over the next couple of weeks. These will be in Computing, French, Spanish, German, Geography, History, Classics and Latin. Subject teachers will be putting information about these assessments to confirm when they are happening on SMHW to support them in their preparations.
- The core subjects (Maths, English and Science) will be holding their exams during Term 6. Again, subject teachers will make the students aware of the content and date of these nearer the time.
- This year also marks an important milestone for the Year 9 students who begin to embark on the process to make their GCSE choices. This process begins with an introductory assembly with Mrs Spokes this week. From there, they will be supported throughout their wellbeing lessons with the aim to provide information about careers and subject choices. There will be more information available to you all in the evening event happening on 15th February. The deadline for the GCSE choices is 14th March 2022.
- The next parents' evening for Year 9 is planned for Wednesday 2nd March 2022. This will give you an opportunity to discuss the GCSE courses with the subject teachers before choices are made.

This is an exciting time for Year 9s but can also cause some students to need more support. Please do contact their tutor if you need any extra information about any of these events.

There will also be a dedicated webpage and email address for the choices process being released shortly. This will be another place for support and answers to any questions about this.

With kind regards,



Sarah Parry

Head of Year 9