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Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer,

I hope your child has settled in well into Year 9 at Kibworth Mead Academy. From our perspective Year 9 have made a very strong start, and we are proud that they have currently got the highest attendance overall at 96%.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an overview of key dates and information for the year including enrichment opportunities.

GCSE options process

This is a really important year for your child as they start thinking about their GCSE options and about their future career aspirations. I will write to you in due course to give you more detailed information about this and how we will support your child through this process, which starts in earnest at the beginning of next term. Two key dates for your diary, however, are our Year 9 options evening, scheduled for Thursday 5 January 2023, closely followed by a parents' evening on Thursday 12 January 2023.

Enrichment Opportunities

There are a host of lunch time and after school activities available for Year 9, designed to develop their talents and interests. These include orchestra, choir, drama, basketball, badminton, art and netball. Year 9 students are also invited to join the senior band which will feature in upcoming performances and events. As part of our mission to develop the 'whole child' and create young people who work hard, are kind and proud, we would ask you to encourage your child to take the opportunity to participate in some of these opportunities which are an important aspect of secondary school life.

In addition to in-school clubs, we wanted to make you aware of upcoming trips. We are delighted that so many Year 9 students be visiting Snowdonia after half term to take part in a range of outdoor challenges. There will also be an opportunity for Year 9 students to visit Leicester University to take part in science activities. We will also shortly be advertising a residential trip to Krakow/Auschwitz for the current Year 8/9/10 to take place in October 2023.

We thought it would be helpful to give you notice of other opportunities currently available for older year groups, which we currently intend will also run when your child is in that year group. These are listed below.



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- Year 10 French trip to Nice- March 2023
- Year 10/11 Geography trip to Naples- April 2023.

Please note that our enrichment programme is developing all the time, and we anticipate that over your child's time at Kibworth Mead Academy there will be many additional opportunities on offer that have not yet been scheduled. We will endeavour to give you as much notice of these as possible. Additionally, if your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium allowance please contact ekowalski@kibworth-tmet.uk to discuss support available for enrichment opportunities.

Opportunities to update you on your child's progress

A full parents' evening is scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2023. In this evening you will get the opportunity to make an appointment with your child's subject teachers and find out how your child is progressing in each subject. You can also discuss your child's possible options choices with them. Your child is welcome to attend this alongside yourself. In addition, you will get a report on your child's progress emailed to you three times a year. These are scheduled to be sent out week commencing 21 November, 6 March 2023 and 3 July 2023.

How you can support your child

At Kibworth Mead we are most effective when we work in partnership with parents/carers to support your child. We appreciate that the vast majority of parents and carers have logged onto Satchel:One and regularly check their child's homework.

In addition, there are knowledge organisers available for the vast majority of our subjects. These can be found on our website. The password is KmaKO. <https://www.kibworth-tmet.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers/>. Research shows that regular quizzing or testing of key information, known as retrieval practice, aids memory retention. You can support your child by regularly quizzing them on key knowledge from these knowledge organisers or from their exercise books. This will be particularly important in Year 9 to ensure your child develops a strong foundation of knowledge in preparation for their GCSEs.

We will continue to update you on news and events through our weekly newsletter so please do look out for this each Friday.

We thank you for working in partnership with us so far on your child's journey at KMA and wish you a wonderful half term when it comes.

Best wishes

Dr P Thompson
Vice Principal