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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 have had a fantastic start to Summer Term, with high standards of themselves both in lessons and around the school community.

Last week, Year 9 had their fortnightly assembly. I was particularly pleased with their high standard of uniform so please do continue to support the Year 9 team with this. I have reminded students of the importance of wearing the correct uniform at all times and that they should be wearing their blazer as the move around the school site. Students do have the opportunity to remove their blazers once in their classroom.

During this assembly we reflected on the idea of 'Falling Forward'; an idea explored by Denzel Washington in a graduation speech he delivered at the University of Pennsylvania's graduation ceremony (see here if you are interested! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cgxSL926N8>).

We acknowledged that everyone will make mistakes, but it is what the students do with those mistakes that makes the difference. We also reflected on the fact that all students get a fresh start each term and that they should all make the most of this opportunity this term.

As part of this assembly, I also introduced the Year 9 Summer school trip. On Thursday 20th July, Year 9 students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to Alton Towers to celebrate the end of the year and as a reward for positive behaviours demonstrated in lessons and as part of the wider school community. It will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the successes of Year 9 this year. We see the vast majority of our students demonstrating positive behaviours each day through their punctuality, attendance, achieving reward points and their positive attitude towards learning in lessons and tutor time. With the new term having just begun a reminder that this is a great opportunity for a fresh start with reward point being reset or to be able to demonstrate positive behaviours where needed. More information will be released soon in regards to costs and booking a place for your child on parentpay.

On Friday 5th May, NLS are celebrating the King's Coronation. We would love for students to create coronation style cupcakes which will be judged and then sold at break time to raise money for The Prince's Trust. All students should bring their entries to the Year Lead Office (C037) before P1 on Friday 5th May. We look forward to seeing what the students create! Any questions, students should see Mr Butler or Mrs Clarke.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

Mrs P Clarke