

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement that we welcome both your children and you back to this new school year. Whilst there is still the lingering threat of Covid within our communities, this academic year starts with a definite air of optimism and the promise of a return to the world with which we were previously familiar.

Sponne School students performed brilliantly in both their GCSE and A Level exams despite the challenges of recent years and with the start of GCSE courses for our Year 9 students this is of particular importance. The year that lies ahead will be foundational on the path to what we are sure will be great success for the students in Year 9. They have coped incredibly well with the challenges they have faced since their arrival at Sponne School and they are truly showing themselves to be an excellent year group. The trips to Bletchley Park and Germany, the music tours and the sports day towards the end of Year 8 gave the students a chance to showcase their talents and character outside of the classroom.

As we enter Year 9 we look forward to seeing the students extend their contributions to the school community as they take ever greater roles in the extra-curricular activities of the school. Be that as part of the various music groups, sports teams or faculty-based clubs that are available for them to participate in.

The new school year also presents new opportunities for students to expand friendship groups and meet new teachers as they start their new GCSE subjects and we are pleased to have already seen fantastic contributions to new subjects in the tours of year 9 lessons so far this term.

We are also very fortunate to have Mrs Notley joining the year 9 team alongside Miss Machon and I. As assistant headteacher she will be our link to the senior leadership team and provide support for the year group in any that is needed.

With a view to raising standards and ensuring high achievement, this year we will be having a push on high expectations with this term's focus being mutual respect. The new Student Code of Conduct, created by students embodies all of these expectations in and around school. Students will only be able to get uniform passes from Mrs Webster and with some communication from home so if there are issues with uniform please do let us know.

As ever, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

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