



Sponne School
A Music & Science Academy

Dream Believe Achieve

September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 9!

Welcome back to Year 9, we hope all of you have had a relaxing summer break. September brings the start of a new Key Stage for the year group and we aim for all students to make a smooth and positive start to Year 9. Mr Scott and I have already been round to lessons and popped in and it has been pleasing to see the positive start the year group have made engaging with their learning and being focused in lessons.

As well as starting new courses and having new groups, the students may find they get more homework and we encourage you to support your young person's learning by being actively involved, check tasks set on Go4Schools and encourage them to complete any extension tasks set so they are showing that they are pushing themselves to be the best that they can and keep positive. With the challenges of Key Stage Four courses, there is a real opportunity for our students to take control of their learning inside and outside of lessons, developing organisation and independence in the process. Those who work hard will be rewarded for their effort and hopefully be proud of their achievements.

Organisation

Last year was another brilliant year for us and in order to maintain this outstanding performance, Year 9 students need to start with a positive attitude and determination to do their best. Please encourage your young person to work hard and talk to their teachers if they need any help. Being organised is the key to success; students will be expected to be organised by having the right equipment for school – 3 Pens, 2 pencils, a ruler, a reading book, equipment (e.g. exercise books, calculator, PE kit, food ingredients). Valuable lesson time can be wasted whilst students try to borrow equipment from others and students can pick up avoidable sanctions, so please ensure your young person is prepared for lessons each day. Copies of student timetables are on Go4Schools.

Uniform

As we continue to uphold the school's high standards, we kindly remind you of the importance of ensuring your young person follows the uniform policy. Please make sure that students wear their

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blazers to school each day, as this is a key part of our uniform. Additionally, shirts should be neatly tucked in at all times to maintain a smart appearance. Long acrylic nails are not permitted as they pose a health and safety risk. Your support in reinforcing these expectations helps foster a sense of pride and discipline within the school community. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Form tutors are the first point of contact, should you have any worries or concerns then please contact them via email where they will be happy to help in any way they can; their email addresses are listed below. Mrs Halling will be supporting us as the Senior Leadership link for our year group. We welcome Mr Mackey (9BMM) and Mrs Rebeiro (9OW) to our tutor team. Mrs Green will be teaming up with Mrs Rebeiro to be the joint tutor of 9OW while Mrs Walton is on maternity leave.

Should you require any support as a parent, please contact Ana Lopes, who is our Parent Support Advisor - email to; alopes@sponne.org.uk.

We are really looking forward to another successful year for this talented group of people who have set themselves high standards based on their efforts in Key Stage 3. We are confident that with the support of staff and yourselves they will continue to excel in Year 9.

Yours faithfully

Ms Helen Turton, Mr K Scott and Mrs S Halling

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