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Dear Year 9 Families,

Welcome back to the Summer Term.

As we reflect on the Spring Term, we are proud of the fantastic achievements of our Year 9 students. They have engaged positively in their learning, completed examinations, attended Parents' Evening, and carefully selected their GCSE Pathways. These milestones have set a strong foundation as students prepare for the next stage of their education.

As we move into the Summer Term, our focus is on ensuring all students are confident and ready for the expectations of Key Stage 4. This includes developing greater independence, organisation, and ownership of learning. We encourage you to begin discussing this transition at home. To support this, we will be hosting a parent webinar with guidance and practical strategies—further details will follow.

A key highlight this term will be the **Year 9 Graduation**, taking place on **Wednesday 1st July, 4:00–5:30pm**. This event celebrates students' hard work, growth, and achievements throughout KS3. Each student must be accompanied by at least one adult. Students will also complete preparation tasks at home, which will require parent/carer sign-off. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you.

Key Reminders for Families

Uniform, Equipment and Organisation

Students should pack their bags the night before. All students have received a learning wallet, which should be visible at line-up and used in lessons.

More information:

<https://www.deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform+%26amp%3B+Equipment&pid=256>

Phone Policy

We operate a strict “no phone” policy: *see it, hear it, lose it*. Phones will be confiscated until the end of the day if used.

Monitoring Progress

Please check ClassCharts weekly to monitor home learning, behaviour, and updates. Strong attendance, punctuality, and effort remain essential.

Support and Safeguarding

Place2Be:

<https://www.deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Place2be&pid=243>

Safeguarding:

<https://www.deptfordgreen.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding+%40+DG&pid=240>



Celebrations

We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements this term.

Year 9 made history in the Autumn Term by surpassing Year 7 in positive points for the first time. While we didn't quite top Year 7 this term, the challenge is on—and we know Year 9 is ready to reclaim that top spot!

A huge congratulations to our **Top 20 students**:

Ava Q, Ezra, Olivia, Chardonaye, George, Adam, Katie, Mikko, Amaury, Sihaam, Christine, Jemimah, Callum, Gracie, Elijah, Leah, Nigella, Ife, Zara A and Samuel GM.

Students recognised for *outstanding engagement across all subjects*:

Noora, Ife, David A, Katie, Ernest, Mikko, Charlie, Ebenezer, Nigella, Leah, Ellie K, George, Wunmi, Ava Q and Ezra.

44 students achieved *zero reflection points across two terms*—an exceptional accomplishment:

Tilly, Ife, Azalea, David A, Connie, Asia, Lacey C, Gibril, Summer, Gracie, Louis Doan, Ernest, Hazel, Treasure, Pearl, Poppy, Khadija, Zara J, Ellie K, Hoang, Lucas, Amelia, George, Ralph, Layla, Lola, Mikko, Annie, Charlie S, Ebenezer, Martha, Nigella, Sofia WP, Olivia, Tiana, Ellie G, Zoya, Charlie HC, Ramin, Marlow, Christine, Wunmi, Ava and Ezra.

Attendance recognition:

Most improved – **Ellie SM, Aaliyah, Becky, Amelia, Ruweyda, Junior O**

Outstanding punctuality – **Amira**

Outstanding attendance – **Ernest**

Congratulations to **Ms Louchini and 9LO** for the highest tutor group attendance (**97%+ across two terms**), and to **9SK** for achieving over **15,000 LORIC points**.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and positivity shown by all students—keep it up!

Safeguarding – Social Media & After School

We encourage families to regularly discuss online safety at home alongside learning in PSHE.

Students should go straight home after school and change out of uniform before going back out. Staff supervise locally until 3:30pm. Due to increased reports of phone theft, please reinforce the importance of travelling home promptly.



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Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child during this important stage. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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