



Castle Rushen
High School

28th September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family have had a relaxing and restful summer break.

This academic year is now well underway and I should like to draw your attention to some changes and key dates. The pastoral provision for Year 9 continues to be led by Mr Deakin, supported by Assistant Headteacher for KS3, Mr Kay. We are very much looking forward to building on the many successes of our students from Year 8, while helping guide them through what will be a challenging, but rewarding year, in preparation for the start of their GCSEs.

The transition from Year 8 to Year 9 has seen changes to the tutor team. The tutor team for Year 9 comprises Mr Baker (9ACB), Mr Caldwell (9CRC), Mr Duggan (9TOD) and Mr Mann (9RDM). I am delighted that Miss Callow has taken over 8LD which has now become 9EEC and Mrs Cox has taken over 8MXB, which is now 9SXC. All of these colleagues bring a wide range of different strengths to the tutor team, and I am confident that your son or daughter will be fully supported by an experienced team of tutors.

At this point, I want to make you aware of some of the key dates for Year 9 students during this academic year:

- First tracking week- Early November 2021
- Year 9 full report- December 2021
- Second tracking week- Early March 2022
- Year 9 Parents Evening- Thursday 24th March 2022
- KS4 Pathways evening- Thursday 7th April 2022
- Third tracking week- July 2022

CRHS continues to be a mobile phone free school for KS3 and KS4 students. This has proved to be beneficial, with teachers reporting better levels of concentration and enhanced social interaction between students, without the distractions associated with social media. I am once again asking for your support in reminding your son or daughter that mobile phones should not be used during the school day. Alongside this, our new updated uniform policy for 2021 is also available on the school website. Please can I ask you to ensure that your child meets the expectations of our uniform policy.

I very much hope that students will have an uninterrupted year in which they can continue to develop both academically and socially.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's tutor at school if you have any concerns or you wish to discuss their progress.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Deakin
Head of Year 9