

Parent/Carers of Year 9 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: New Head of Year 9 Introduction – 1 July 2024**

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am delighted and excited to introduce myself. As from 1 July 2024 I will be the new Head of Year 9. My name is Miss Rowe, and I am eager to take on this role, working closely with your child/ward as they transition from Year 9 into Year 10.

Having worked as the Inclusion Co-ordinator at Taverham High School, I have had the privilege of collaborating with the Heads of Department and brilliant Pastoral Team. This experience has given me understanding of the unique needs and potential of each student, and I am committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where all students can thrive for success both in school and beyond.

I am aware that Year 9 has experienced significant changes recently, with several transitions between Heads of Year. I want to assure you that I provide the consistency and stability that is essential during these formative years. I am committed to staying with this cohort and supporting them until they complete their time in High School, ensuring they have a steady and reliable presence to guide them through the challenges and milestones ahead.

As we enter this final month of Year 9, I want to outline some of my expectations and goals for this cohort as they prepare to move into Year 10:

**Academic Excellence** - I will encourage all students to strive for academic success. Engaging actively in lessons, completing homework on time, and seeking support when needed. This effort is crucial as they prepare for the important years ahead.

**Personal Growth** - High School is a critical time for personal development. I will support and encourage students to explore new interests, participating in extracurricular activities, and building on skills they can take beyond the classroom.

**Community and Respect** - We are a community, and it is essential that students treat each other with kindness and respect. I expect all students to contribute to a positive school environment by being supportive of their peers, showing respect to staff, and upholding the values of our school.

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Additionally, I want to emphasise the importance of school uniform as your child/ward moves into the top years of the school. Wearing the uniform correctly is an important aspect of being a role model for the younger year groups. I ask for your support in ensuring that your child/ward adheres to the uniform policy by wearing the correct uniform items as outlined in the school policy and adhering to guidelines regarding jewellery and footwear.

For guidance when purchasing uniform for next year, please click on the following link which will take you to the school's website: <https://www.taverhamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/students/uniform/>

I firmly believe that a strong partnership between school and home is key to helping students achieve their full potential. By working together, we can ensure that your child/ward gains as much as possible from their remaining years in school. I am committed to providing them with the support and guidance they need to succeed, and I am excited to work with you to make this happen.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions in relation to uniform or anything else which I will be happy to assist you with.

Let's make the most of this final month of Year 9 and enter Year 10 with enthusiasm and determination.

Yours faithfully

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Miss M Rowe  
Head of Year 9