

## Update on Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and your child has settled back into their school routine well. With just 4 weeks remaining of term before the Christmas break, I want to make sure that Year 9s are fully focused on their learning and committed to showing 'The Suthers Way'. This is a crucial year for students, as they start to think about the options they want to choose for GCSE. Now is the time for students to show their teachers how hard working they are before they make their informed decisions.

Moving forward, I will be the Head of Year 9, supported by Mr Leggett as their pastoral leader, and the tutor team. This is an exciting opportunity for myself as I know how fantastic our Year 9 students are and the potential they all have to be successful at The Suthers School.

The majority of students in Year 9 get it right every single day, and show 'The Suthers Way'. This includes arriving to their lessons on time, fully engaged with their learning and showing our TORCH characteristics. I want to ensure that this continues and that those who have struggled to follow 'The Suthers Way' are supported to do so going forward. I will be visiting lessons regularly and recognising the fantastic efforts of Year 9s throughout the year.

### **Social Action Project with Premier League Inspires**

This year, our Premier League Inspires programme with Nottingham Forest Football Club, will be launching their social action project focusing on mental health. I have chosen for this opportunity to be offered to all Year 9 students. Students will be given the chance to work together to form an idea on supporting mental health, with the winning group presenting their project at a Premier League stadium. More information on this will follow during the launch assembly on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

### **The Team**

As a reminder, the tutor team are your first point of call if you have any concerns or queries:

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I am really looking forward to working closely with the year group and yourselves, as a team, in order to make sure all students are able to reach their potential and continue their growth both personally and academically.

Yours faithfully,

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