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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another school year, we also reach the end of Key Stage 3 and look forward to a whole new set of challenges when we return in September with the start of the GCSE courses. This week we will be celebrating Year 9's achievements in an end of year assembly to recognise their efforts with: attendance, reward points, consistency of effort over the year, outstanding achievements in key subjects and contribution to the school community.

I feel very privileged to be the head of this year group who have already proven themselves to be kind, motivated and thoughtful young people and I look forward to seeing how they grow emotionally and academically as they progress through Year 10.

With that in mind, I have put together a booklet of Summer Challenges for all the students in Year 9 to inspire, encourage and engage them in thinking about the subjects they have chosen for GCSE and to widen and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

The idea of the challenges is to provide some connection between experiences outside school with their GCSE options when they return in September. Six weeks can feel like a very long time and I feel it is important for them to have the opportunity to engage with activities which will stand them in good stead for the coming academic year, as well as life post-16.

The challenges chosen have a broad range of accessibility and affordability and the students have been given free rein about how they record their experiences and I am so excited to see their projects when they return in September. The booklets will be handed out on Wednesday afternoon and I have attached a copy with this email to make accessing any hyperlinks easier, and also so you as parents and carers can join in.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing all the students in September.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Cooper
Year Leader of Year 9

