



15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 9,

I am sure you will agree that despite this year being difficult, it has certainly gone quickly. Your child has gone from finishing Year 8, to a summer holiday away from being a GCSE student.

As a school, I truly believe that the staff at Hylands have gone above and beyond. As a school, we embraced the challenge of live lessons when others couldn't and made sure our students were not alone when they needed us most. As a part of that, I would like to thank all staff at Hylands for rising to the challenge of this year. I would like to specifically thank my year group team, the fantastic tutors who inspire and challenge year 9 each day and the simply incredible pastoral support from a superhuman Mrs Henriques. I am grateful for all their hard work as it now means they are in a prime position to be successful in GCSE.

During this summer period I ask that our students make an extra effort to take care of themselves. This should include regular exercise, seeing friends and family where possible, supporting loved ones by helping out around the house, and by taking pride in their community. They should also remember to check-in with their feelings frequently, and don't be afraid to reach out to those who can support them.

Year 9, you will have another successful year with Mr Hawkins next year but until then enjoy your summer and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you all back in school in September and I cannot wait to watch you complete the next two years into your GCSEs.

Kind regards

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