



Ringwood School

Dear Parents / Carers,

Y9 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

The first half term of year 9 for this wonderful year group is drawing to a close. It has been a real pleasure to welcome them all back after the summer holidays and spend some time catching up on what they got up to over the break.

It has been very busy half term which has been jam-packed with all sorts of activities and events being held. It has been lovely to see so many year 9 students involving themselves in some of the wider aspects of life at Ringwood School by taking part in extra-curricular activities. We held a Freshers' Fair to advertise all the clubs available to students and they have been very well attended. I know that lots of students, for example, have been going along to choir on a Friday morning. I hope to see some of them in our school production later in the year. Our sports clubs and teams have also been very successful and it has been great to be personally involved with the year 9 boys' football team. We have also had a number of House events over the course of the last 6 weeks, such as the knitting challenge and, currently, inktober.

We also held a fantastic celebration evening for all students who were nominated for an award for their efforts in school throughout year 8. It was an absolute pleasure to be involved with and a brilliant way to open the new school building, The Barn. Congratulations to everyone who was invited to attend.

Speaking of going above and beyond, year 9 have been earning themselves House points on our new system since the start of September. As a year group, they have totalled just under 6000 House points (although that milestone may have been passed by the time this reaches you). Leading the tutor group standings so far are 9S, with a staggering 666 points. Special congratulations must go to our top 3 students in the year group, who are currently Isobel Bartlett, Rayyan Ammar and Hayden Paice. Well done!

We also had an extensive careers' fair held yesterday afternoon in The Barn. It was great to see lots of year 9 students attending this event and I hope it has given them some inspiration for their future.

On 10th October, Ringwood School celebrated World Mental Health Day with some yellow-themed events in school. Please see the details of where students can find support in school if they were to need it at the end of this newsletter.

We are aware that many students often struggle to get themselves re-organised after the summer holidays and that may lead to some issues with home learning. Please do remember that home-learning club is open to all students and is held everyday after school until 4.00pm.

I hope your children have a restful break and I look forward to seeing them again on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards,

Kristian Sheppard



Happy World Mental Health Day

10 October 2022

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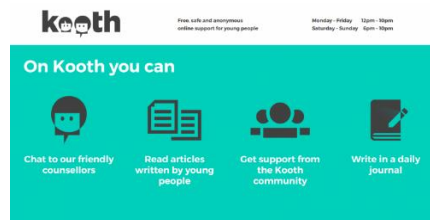


The Mental Wellbeing of our pupils is really important to us and we take every opportunity to share this with our Pupils. Last Monday was **World Mental Health Day** and Mrs Lakin, The Mental Health First Aiders and our 6th Form Mental Health Ambassadors spent social times reminding our pupils that they have many different people available to talk to them and help them to problem solve any issues that happen in their school day.

Pupils can talk to their Tutors, Head of Year, OnCall, The Safeguarding Team, Mental health Ambassadors, Peer Mentors, School Nurse, Trusted friends and Trusted websites and helplines.



If you or your pupil is experiencing a difficult time out of school hours, we highly recommend kooth. <https://www.kooth.com/>



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