
THE YEAR AT A GLANCE: YEAR 9

A message from your Head of Learning:

Welcome to Year 9.

The main focus of Year 9 is the start of each students' individualised GCSE pathway, having chosen options in Year 8. Students need to embed mature attitudes and commitment towards their GCSE courses, in order to achieve the best grades they can. With changes to subject courses and how they are assessed, we as a school look forward to supporting Year 9 students right from the beginning of their academic journey.

Year 9 offers the opportunity to demonstrate passion and skills and to start to embed new exam skills. This additional year of study for students' GCSEs will prove to be invaluable. We also have the opportunity to help students with developing skills for handling the pressure with what their courses may require and be prepared for the challenges they face in all aspects of their lives.

There are increased expectations of homework, commitment and behaviour from students in lessons and within the school community. All students are expected to follow the school Code of Conduct and must be in the right place at the right time and doing the right thing to ensure that they maximise all opportunities to succeed within lessons. Students will develop different relationships with their peers and teachers, as they start to develop their passions and interests for their subjects.

We expect students to work hard, but also to widen their experiences by contributing towards the wider life of the school and the community. This could be by joining the student council, peer mentoring, sports leadership programs or other opportunities that may be offered to them.

Year 9 is a very important stage of their school career and students are supported in our work by all the subject teachers and staff within the school.

Parental input is extremely important for student success as students may find their courses to be both challenging and at times the content overwhelming. A positive relationship between school and home is integral to the progress of all students.

Each year at Park House School is about developing new skills and knowledge, and we will work together to achieve and value success for all.

Miss Herden



September	October	November	December
<p>European day of languages 26th PE Brecon trip 28-1st Oct</p>	<p>Knitting & Stitching Show 11th PHSA AGM 11th G&T AWE Engineering Challenge 15th Assessment week Battlefields WW1 Trip 18-21st INSET day 29th Chamber Concert PE: Girls Rugby Tournament; Autumn House Sports</p>	<p>Reports issued 16th Royal Ballet 22nd TBC Parents' Evening 29th Geography: Newbury town field work</p>	<p>Christmas Concert</p>
January	February	March	April
<p>District Cross Country 23rd Assessment week 28th Geography: A World Wise Quiz PE: Indoor Rowing Competition</p>	<p>Intermediate Maths Challenge</p>	<p>Reports issued 1st Immunisations 8th Spring Concert PE: School Games; Girls Rugby Tournament</p>	<p>INSET day 23rd PE: Spring House Sports</p>
May	June	July	August
<p>Assessment week 7-10th District Athletics 10th</p>	<p>Reports issued 7th MFL Rouen Trip 25-28th TBC PE: District Athletics; Rugby 7s Competition; Sports Presentation Evening</p>	<p>Photography mock 1st Art mock 4th Textiles mock 5th Sports day 10th Chamber Concert Encompass III – PH Festival of Dance PE: School Games Encompass II; Sports Day; Summer House Sports</p>	



Term dates 2018 – 2019

	Start	End
Term 1	Wednesday 5 September 2018 (Y7 & Y12) Thursday 6 September 2018 (Y8-11 & Y13)	Friday 19 October 2018
Autumn Break	Saturday 20 October 2018	Monday 29 October 2018
Term 2	Tuesday 30 October 2018	Thursday 20 December 2018
Winter Holiday	Friday 21 December 2018	Sunday 6 January 2019
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
Spring Break	Saturday 16 February 2019	Sunday 24 February 2019
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019
Easter Holiday	Saturday 6 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
Term 5	Wednesday 24 April 2019	Thursday 23 May 2019
Summer Break	Friday 24 May 2019	Sunday 2 June 2019
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019	Wednesday 24 July 2019
Summer Holiday	Thursday 25 July 2019	

INSET days 2018 - 2019

Monday 3 September 2018
Tuesday 4 September 2018
Monday 29 October 2018
Tuesday 23 April 2019

The information in this leaflet serves as a guide and is accurate at the date of print (September 2018). Some key dates may alter and some new activities confirmed. Refer to the school's [main calendar](#) for more detailed announcements.