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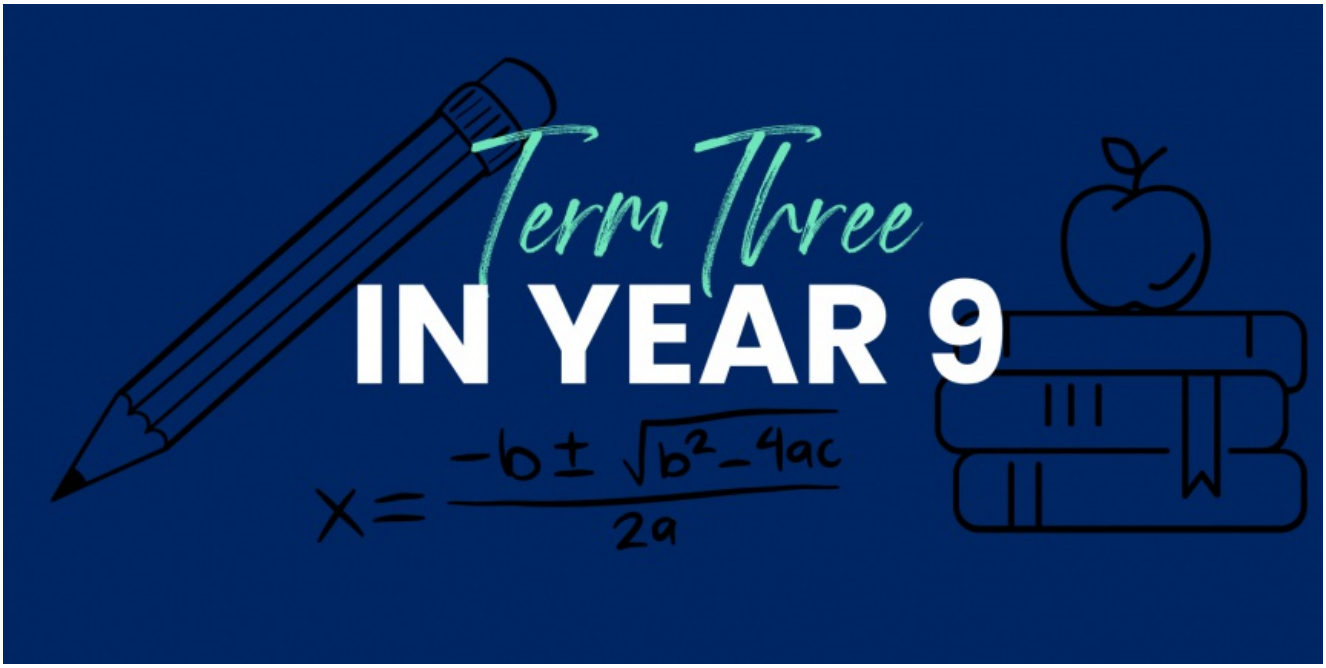

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YEAR 9

So far in Year 9 this term, we have continued to focus on building a positive and connected cohort culture through a range of activities designed to strengthen relationships, celebrate student voice, and promote student wellbeing.

Three minutes with… Segment

We have launched a brand new segment at our Year Meetings, called ‘Three minutes with…’. This is a short and snappy interview with a student or staff member conducted by our students. Some of our Year 9 students have enthusiastically signed up to conduct these interviews and we commend them for their leadership in this area.

We kicked it off with Kadanees interviewing Mr Wyatt, and we enjoyed learning a little more about him including his favourite hobbies and books. We have since had Cinzia and Bella interview Tade, and James and Timmy interview Rowan and it’s been great to have a chance to hear from each other and get to know students outside of their immediate friendship group.

PC Challenge - Trivia All About You!

On Wednesday 5 August, our Year 9 cohort took part in a Pastoral Care Challenge, with all eight pastoral care classes competing in a fun and engaging team-building activity.

While we have run trivia competitions in the past, this challenge featured a unique twist: every question was about the Year 9 cohort themselves. Students enjoyed putting their knowledge of

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their peers to the test while also discovering some fascinating facts about one another along the way. For example, who knew that one of our students had a frightening encounter with a snake while travelling in Egypt?

After a closely contested competition, the event concluded with a tie between the Lewis Girls and Lewis Boys pastoral care classes. Congratulations to both teams on their outstanding result!

We also found out more trivia about other students in the grade that we will add to our next Year 9 PC Trivia Challenge.

PC groups pick up a new hobby





Over the past few weeks, our Year 9 PC group discovered just how easy candle making is as a new hobby! The girls personalised glass jars with colourful washi tape, set their wicks, and poured the wax, leaving custom candles ready to take home and enjoy. Beyond bringing home a lovely creation, the girls loved the chance to unwind, get creative, and chat together over a fun, hands-on project.

Term 3 Wellbeing Focus

This term, our Wednesday Wellbeing lessons have focused on respect, healthy relationships, and understanding the impact of gender stereotypes and discrimination. Students have explored the concepts of positive masculinity, equality, and gender violence, while developing strategies to promote respect, empathy, and inclusion in their everyday lives.

It has been great to see increasing numbers of Year 9 students engaging in all areas of College life. Whether big or small, this participation builds a sense of belonging and purpose - goals that we all aspire to in our lives!

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