

## Year 9 Parental Views

1. In Year 9 we aim to increase the use of email, text messages and the announcements section of MCAS. There has been an increase already and this continues to be a vital area for development.
2. In Year 9 MCAS is used by over 70% of parents. This provides vital information on a student's behaviour for learning such as rewards and sanctions. Each student in Year 9 also has the opportunity to be pastorally monitored by their Form Tutor. This provides more information on a student's progress.
3. In Year 9, many of the homework tasks set are based upon research, revision and recap. These tasks are designed to encourage students to become independent learners in preparation for GCSE's.
4. Feedback on this process is very important and will be shared with the Head of Year 9 next year. The Options Booklet and form was made available seven days before the Options Evening on the school website. Students and parents were informed about it by text message. This was the day of the Year 9 Parents Evening. Students had been able to see the form two weeks previous to this as well as receiving an 'Introductions to Options' Assembly.
5. In Year 9 we would strongly encourage parents to access MCAS for further information, especially the Rewards and Sanctions sections which highlights any issues. In addition to this the school planner should be used.
6. In Year 9, we have had several assemblies recently. These include E-Safety/Bullying ran by the Police and an assembly on stereo types ran by a Year 9 Form.
7. If you would like to discuss your child please email Year 9 [Admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:Admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk) or telephone school directly. If your child's Head of Year is unavailable please feel free to leave a message.
8. There was an administration error on some supplementary information that went out with the Year 9 Progress Review regarding the date of Options Evening. Thank you to the parents who noticed and informed us. The following day a text message was sent to all parents clarifying the date and time.
9. The introduction of MCAS is in its early stages and all staff are making adaptations to their current system of recording homework and behaviour. In the meantime please also view your child's planner for this information.