



# Noadswood

## Noadswood Blazer – Year 9

The Autumn term is always the longest and it has certainly felt like it this year. It seems a long time ago that we were all returning in a warm and sunny September for the start of a new school year in the hope that things would begin to become a bit more “normal”. As we sit here now in a cold and darker December know that things continue to change and present us all with different challenges, but the pupils in Year 9 have responded brilliantly. This term they have all begun their journeys towards their GCSE’s after starting their option subjects in September. They have all done so well so far after having to make their option choices after two years of disruption during Year 7 and 8 and this may explain why we have had a number of pupils requesting changes, which fortunately for the most part we have been able to accommodate. However as we move into the next term it is really important that if there is a subject that isn't quite what they thought, then the pupils really do need to come and speak to one of us as soon as they possibly can.

There have been some sporting success this term with the return of after school clubs and fixtures. Our Year 9 girls have shown great attendance to Netball club and so much so that Mrs Ayrton and Miss King were able to enter two teams into the New Forest tournament. Our "Noadswood Red" team did fantastically well and finished in 3rd place. Our "Noadswood Black" team finished in 7th place out of 12 which was probably an even better achievement as they played every game with one player less than the opposition. The Year 9 football team have had an equally as impressive turnout to training, which meant that Mr Shearsmith was able to field 26 different players over the course of the season. The boys put on some brilliant displays, won every match and won the league.

In addition to the netball and football we have also had pupils represent the school in both the boy's and girl's hockey teams as well as two full teams competing in the annual cross-country competition at Gang Warily, with some great individual performances from Jake Willard, Robbie Caulton and Erin Ingram who all finished in the top 20 and were selected to take part in the next stage of the county competition. Mr Rowling has also been pleased with the performances of the U14 basketball team who have improved with each match they have played.

As we move into the Spring term hopefully Year 9 continue to show the same attitude and work ethic they have so far towards their lesson and continue to immerse themselves in extra-curricular activities.

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Merry Christmas from Mr Marsh and Mrs French