

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Monday 15th April we are pleased that students in Year 7-9 successfully took part in 'Zero Day'. Although students have not taken part in their usual curriculum lessons, they have accessed an alternative curriculum which has consisted of Habits of Communication, LifeLong Learning, MFL Language Learning, Careers and a recap of the Behaviour for Learning curriculum.

During these sessions students have learnt about different career options, career pathways, CV writing and job applications, types of jobs available and potential option choices for Year 10. Students have also explored and discussed communication skills, and the importance of being able to communicate effectively, which should be used inside and outside their school setting.

The recap of the Behaviour for Learning session happens termly, and following guidance and advice from the DfE "*Pupils should be taught explicitly what good behaviour looks like*" we give students scenarios for dealing with specific situations and ensuring that all students are clear on the behaviour policy, ensuring sanctions are fair and consistent.

Students have also learned about *why we learn*; they have discussed and explored collaborative learning structures and key takeaways for students' response time and self and peer assessments in lessons. Students have learnt about 'active learning' and have identified the skills to become a 'well rounded individual'.

Tomorrow students will be back following their usual timetable. We thank you for your support and understanding that teaching the skills to help students become the very best versions of themselves is equally as important as their education.

Kind regards,

S. Gascoyne

Miss Gascoyne
Vice Principal