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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of Year 9, we have put in place a special certificate for your child to work towards for the last weeks of Key Stage Three. It is called the "Amble BaccaLaureate" (or "ABacc"). In order to get the ABacc, a student has to get 20 points, which they can collect in a number of ways.

Academic success

We have one more assessment window where students meeting or exceeding their target grades in maths, English, science and humanities/languages can pick up a number of points.

Project

Students visiting Poland, London or taking part in our "project week" later in the half term will be able to collect points for completing tasks set.

Oracy Everywhere

Students have been working on their oracy skills within Interact all year and tutors will award points for how much progress they have made.

Volunteering

Students will be able to volunteer for a number of things in school, such as helping younger students in lessons or with transition activities. School volunteering will take place at times when the student would normally have a lesson, which they are no longer taking in Year 10. Students can take part in voluntary work outside of school with parental consent and with parents/carers accepting full responsibility for this. If you are interested in your child doing external voluntary work, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students taking part in Duke of Edinburgh activities have already earned their points! Volunteering is expected to begin at the end of June.

Now that we know our staffing for next year, we will be confirming subject choices in the next week or so. We have a small number of students that will be unable to follow their chosen subjects and we will speak to them and their families as soon as possible.

Students will get more information at an assembly on Tuesday 4 June. Do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Strand	Maths	English	Science	EBacc	Project	Oracy Everywhere	Community
NIS Element	Illuminate	Illuminate	Illuminate	Illuminate	Navigate	Navigate	Shelter
ABacc Points	2	2	2 from either biology, chemistry or physics	2 from either geography, history or French	4	2: physical 2: cognitive 2: linguistic 2: social/ emotional	5 (8 for D of E work)
Contribution	Those achieving a blue or green SMID score will gain 2 points; those achieving and amber score, 1 point	Those achieving a blue or green SMID score will gain 2 points; those achieving and amber score, 1 point	Those achieving a blue or green SMID score will gain 2 points; those achieving and amber score, 1 point. The highest score would count.	Those achieving a blue or green SMID score will gain 2 points; those achieving and amber score, 1 point. The highest score would count.	Students complete a project using PBL techniques in the gained lessons in the summer term. Score depends on the planning, critique and creation of beautiful work. This will take place in the second-last week of term.	Students record examples of when they are "caught" using any of the OE strands. Form tutors award up to two points for each	Students are entitled to one whole day of community work in Year 9, such as volunteering, fundraising, D of E or supporting in school. Form tutors award 5 points once 5 hours are completed.