

## Welcome to English 9!

This is going to be one of the most fun and challenging years of your young adult life.

Before we begin the school year, it is important to take a few minutes and reflect on the events that are unfolding around you.

**YOUR TASK:** Write a letter to yourself about your first day of high school. This letter is a personal memoir between your present self and your future self. You can include any information you want in the letter. It is going to be read by no one but you.

Some topics you may consider including:

- First impressions of New Paltz High School
- Fears, worries, thoughts, anticipations
- First impressions and reactions to any of your new teachers (including Ms. McKenna)
- News events which are important in the world today
- Favorite music
- Favorite TV show or movie
- Favorite summer memory
- Best Friends
- Goals for the year
- Expectations for yourself academically and personally throughout the school year

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You have 30 minutes to work on your letter. The key is to write for the entire time allotted. DO NOT stop writing before the time is over. Keep writing! Your thoughts will continue!

Ms. McKenna will furnish you with an envelope which you can label in any way you deem appropriate and she will collect the letters to be safely stored until June 2017.

Have Fun!