



20 July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Year 8

Please find enclosed your son/ward's final Year 8 end-of-year report and attendance summary. The report highlights progress against where we would expect him to be at this stage in Year 8 as well as important areas to improve. You will be able to discuss this with his tutor on Progress and Partnership Day (PPD), Friday 12 October.

What is clear is the importance of English, mathematics and science in the success of every student. We would urge you to support your son/ward, over the holidays, in the following ways:

English

1	Read at least 2 novels over the summer holidays and a newspaper at least once a week.
2	Consolidate grammar skills using BBC Bitesize > KS3 > English.
3	Redraft at least one of your Year 8 assessments in order to demonstrate the progress you have made.

Mathematics

1	Use the links from your termly PLCs on SharePoint along with your end-of-year test feedback to revise the skills you need to improve.
2	To make the next step look ahead to next term's PLC and use the videos as preparatory work so you can consolidate and apply learning in lessons.
3	For Gifted & Talented students to stretch their maths: http://nrich.maths.org .

Science

The Year 78 revision list that has been emailed to students and is also on SharePoint.

1	Choose the five topics that you found most challenging during the year and spend time revising them. You may find a Key Stage 3 revision guide or the BBC Bitesize KS3 website helpful.
2	Complete 2 hours of tasks from SamLearning.com based on the topics that you found most challenging in Year 8.
3	Learn the spellings and meanings of the words that have been emailed to you. You might find it helpful to make some 'flash cards' to test yourself with the words you find more difficult - write the key word on one side of the card and its meaning on the back.

Please be advised of the following information for the start of the next academic year:

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER	Staff INSET (students are not required to attend school)
TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	Staff INSET (students are not required to attend school)
WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	New Year 7 start - 8.30am - assembly in main school hall Year 12 start - 9.45am - assembly in Sixth Form Study Room Year 11 start - 2.00pm - assembly in main school hall
THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	Years 8 / 9 / 10 / 11 - 10.45am Year 13 start - 1.45pm - assembly in Sixth Form Study Room
FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	Normal school day - all years
FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER	Progress & Partnership Day - appointments during the day for parent/carers and students of Years 8-11

The information in **bold** relates to your son/ward.

We would like to politely remind all parents/carers that, as usual, the new term will start with whole school assemblies and reminders about the accepted standards including a full uniform and appearance check. To support this, if you are intending to purchase any new items of uniform or for your son/ward to have a haircut for the start of the new academic year then, please, check again the website and the published appearance policy to check the hairstyles and clothing styles that are acceptable. The school shop opening times are published on the website.

Any student in breach of the published standards at the start of term will, unfortunately, be sanctioned and may not be allowed to return to school or to lessons until the issue is corrected. Thank you for your support in this matter and, in the meantime, we wish you a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to working in partnership again from September.

Yours faithfully,
Ms J Higginbottom



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