

2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful and happy break.

Year 8 Tutors, Miss Cheremeh, Miss Knell and myself are really looking forward to seeing your children tomorrow - arriving to school for 9.00am.

This year promises to be an exciting one, filled with opportunities for learning, creativity, and personal growth. In fact, in year 8, we would like your children to focus their efforts on making good academic progress while also participating to the school life and making new friends. It might be an idea for your children to try out a new club or simply re-join one they previously enjoyed.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring pupils arrive on time, ready to learn, and equipped with the necessary materials as well as wearing their uniform correctly.

This year, Ms L Whitticase and Mrs K Alemu will be looking after 8Q while Miss S McCulley will be taking over 8S.

I would also like to remind you about the school rules regarding mobiles phones, internet devices and smartphone watches. These are not allowed in school as per previous communications you received from my senior colleagues. Do not hesitate to tell your children about the Law that was passed in July.

Lastly, please keep an eye on our newsletters and school website for updates on upcoming events, key dates and ways to get involved. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us create a positive and nurturing environment for all.

The first date for your calendar is this one: Tuesday 29th September. It will be the Year 8 Tutor Evening. You will receive further information about it later on this month but it is important that you attend so you get the opportunity to meet with your child's tutor again. We will also be providing further advice and guidance about how to keep your child safe online, with a session led by our Online Safety Lead.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. We look forward to a successful and rewarding term ahead.

Warm regards,

Ms G Bartkowiak

Head of Year 8

Miss G Knell

Deputy Head of Year 8