

Dear parents and carers,

What a week! We hope your child has enjoyed the first full week back and is beginning to settle into these weird and different times. It has been a pleasure to see so many of our Year 8s return and make such an enthusiastic start to the year.

Overall, we have had lots of positive feedback from teachers of Year 8, and some of the work already produced has been incredible. Staff are lavishing the year group with achievement points and we are determined for Year 8 to make it to the top of the pile compared to the other year groups.

We would be grateful if you could stress the importance of a couple of things for us over the weekend, please. Firstly, the importance of wearing masks in all non-classroom spaces: we will continue to review our policy on this as the local and national guidance dictates, but for now students should be wearing a mask unless they are (a) in their own classroom base, or (b) outside and eating. If eating outside, masks should be re-worn once finished.

Secondly, use of social media. You may be aware of an horrific video that originated on TikTok and was then shared, sometimes in a disguised form, on other social media platforms. You may also be aware of an incident between a number of CCS students (that has been dealt with) that was inappropriately filmed and inappropriately shared on social media. Social media has a large number of positives but can also, as you know, be extremely problematic, and it would be helpful to discuss with your child what constitutes sensible use online - we also of course cover this in school, too. The minimum age for most social media platforms (including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, TikTok and Snapchat) is 13 years old, which in theory rules out most Year 8s. We are not here to dictate whether your child should have these accounts, but please do be aware of the ease in which inappropriate and harrowing content can be accessed and shared through these platforms.

We hope you have a restful weekend and will be in touch again soon.

Kind regards,

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