



Year 8

Term 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Autumn season. As always, as we conclude our first term back, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the achievements and commendable conduct of our fantastic Year 8 cohort as they settle into the new academic year.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 8 students for their exemplary behaviour and maturity. They have not only transitioned into Year 8 smoothly, but have also emerged as excellent role models to their younger peers in Year 7. It's been so heartening to witness their growth and to see them taking this responsibility seriously. Well done!

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding uniform standards demonstrated by the year group. It is clear that your support to work alongside the school to uphold these standards has had a positive impact and made a huge difference. Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school dressed in accordance with the uniform policy, setting a strong standard in the community and ready to learn. These standards will definitely benefit them in later life.

For any of you that attended Open Evening with younger siblings, I'm sure you would agree that it was a resounding success in no small part due to the participation and support of a number of students in Year 8. Their dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed and we were incredibly proud of them. Many visitors took the time to commend their confidence and positive attitudes towards the school. It was a real joy to see them leading tours and participating in the activities.

Last week, your child may have mentioned the MHST (Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Team) assembly that we hosted for our students, with visiting speakers delivering a thought provoking talk. The importance of mental health and wellbeing can't be overstated, and with this assembly, we wanted to raise awareness about this topic. Our students were encouraged to reach out if they ever feel like they are struggling.

Upcoming Events

End of term break:
Monday 23 - Friday 27
October

Start of Term 2:
Monday 30 October
(Week B)

Assemblies next term on:

Remembrance

Anti-Bullying week/Children
in Need

Disability History Month

Student Reminders

Black school shoes only. No
trainers, ankle boots etc

Black socks only

Appropriate length and
material school skirts

V neck jumpers only

Blazers to be worn at all times

Arrive to school with enough
time to collect your Winbook
and arrive at form for a
prompt 8:45 start.

Remember to check that you
have your school equipment,
including your locker key.

No littering

In recognition of Black History Month, students have spent time in lessons learning more about Inspirational historical figures such as Claudia Jones who spent her life fighting intolerance and injustice; campaigning for social equality and celebrating diversity. From this research, students have begun producing some phenomenal work that is now being displayed in school.

After a busy few weeks, this week we have also had the pleasure of holding our first Celebration Assembly of the school year, which recognises the remarkable accomplishments of many of our Year 8 students. Their dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed and we had a great time championing and celebrating students for their empathy, resilience and hard work.

Finally, as we approach the end of term break, we would like to wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable time together. We hope you get a moment to rest, relax and recharge together, spending quality time with your loved ones.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support in nurturing and encouraging your child. We look forward to the students returning next term to see what else they will achieve.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Fields
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