



17 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Autumn Term 2020-21: Year 8**

As this first term comes to a very different end, to that of normal for year 8, I wanted to share how immensely proud I am of each and every year 8 student. The response from all students to 'live lessons' has been truly outstanding, they continue to demonstrate hard work, resilience independence and maturity beyond their years. The feedback and positivity to the year 8's approach from staff has been fantastic and the students continue to produce outstanding work. I would like to thank you, as parents, for all the ongoing support you are providing at home during these unprecedented times.

The fantastic start to the academic year that all the students made, in year 8, has been continued this half term. The positive attitudes to learning and excellent behaviour means that Year 8 continue to be one of the best performing year groups in the school. As a year group they have received 98% positive recognition, from class teachers, for the term, and just in this half term they have achieved over 37,500 reward points.

During this autumn term it has been a continued pleasure getting to spend time with our fantastic students and to see them working so hard in their lessons each day. The vast majority of students continue to be recognised for their ongoing positive attitudes to learning and meeting school expectations through receiving R1 points each day. Even more impressive is that above a third of all reward points issued are R2 and R3 rewards – issued to students that have gone above and beyond the basic expectations and so deserve that extra degree of recognition for their efforts.

I am looking forward to rewarding the high number of Year 8 students with a certificate and prize to celebrate their achievement in maintaining 100% attendance and zero behaviour points so far this academic year. As I mentioned in my letter last half-term, you can keep track of your child's reward and behaviour points, along with attendance via the Class Charts app. Please continue to support your child's progress in school by reviewing this data with them and discuss both their successes and any opportunities to improve in the term ahead.

The Christmas holiday presents an ideal opportunity to ensure that your child is properly equipped for learning in their lessons. Sharing of equipment has been identified as a way that Coronavirus can be spread in schools. With that in mind, please ensure that your youngster has everything they need each day: Pens (blue/black and red); 30cm ruler; fine whiteboard pen; scientific calculator; highlighter pen; maths set; pencil and pencil sharpener; colouring pencils/felt tip pens; glue stick; eraser and reading book.

Please find a summary of key dates for Year 8 below:



**LEES BROOK  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL**

Monday 4 January 2021: INSET day  
Monday 25 January 2021: Subject evening  
Thursday 15 July 2021: Form tutor evening

Usually, subject and form tutor evenings would take place as face-to-face meetings in school. Whilst we hope to be able to return to these as soon as it is safe to do so, it may be necessary to conduct these via telephone in-line with the government guidelines in place at the time, as per the form tutor phone calls that were made towards the end of last half-term. More information about this will be issued nearer to the time.

Finally, I would like to thank you, for all the ongoing support you are providing at home during these unprecedented times. As always, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moore or myself to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

I would like wish you and your family a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

**Matt Hill**  
**Head of Year 8**