



Dear Pupils in Year 8, Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back for our much-anticipated Year 8 year. I am thrilled to be leading you into 2027, and I am looking forward to seeing you all here and develop your skills and understanding as the year wears on.

Last year was all about new starts and new experiences and this year will be no different but this year, you will be that little bit more confident and self-assured as you tread this next phase in your academic path.

I am confident that you will enjoy another terrific year, but we can seldom confidently expect one year to be the same as another. There will be good times, and there will be times when your path is a little harder to walk than you thought it might be ... and this is where your form teachers and year team will be there to support you.

In the routine run of things, your first communication stage will be your form teacher. Staff can be contacted by leaving a message at main reception. We will then endeavour to make contact within a couple of days at the most. For more urgent requests please contact the Year Team.

The Year Team can be contacted either by phone or email.

Please send your more urgent requests to your Assistant Year Leads first: Ms. Sehmbhy and Ms. Bate.

Your Head of Year is Mrs. Ireland. I can be contacted again, by email or phone. I do teach, so please understand that I may not be able to call you back immediately.

As it's a new year, we also have a great deal of new uniform. Could I ask that all uniform is named as a matter of urgency, to enable us to return it when it becomes misplaced? Could I also remind you that all pupils need to have their own equipment: blue/black pen, red pen, green pen, ruler and pencil at the very least? Please also keep the weather in mind. Whilst glorious and sunny in the short term, it will change and it will get wet, windy and cold. The children will need a warm, waterproof coat.

We are all delighted to see you back, looking refreshed and eager after the summer break. Have a wonderful few weeks as we work towards half term. (Friday 23rd October.)

Kind regards,

Mrs. Ireland

Mrs. C. Ireland
Head of Year 8