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Headteacher: Mr G Green

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a wonderful academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey our Year 8 students have had and to celebrate their fantastic achievements.

Throughout this year the students have worked incredibly hard, pushing themselves academically and personally. They have consistently focused on building up essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and effective communication. Skills they will carry with them for the rest of their academic journeys and their professional lives.

One of our greatest points of pride this year has been the year group's dedication to showing up every day. Year 8 has persistently maintained one of the highest attendance rates in the entire school. This level of resilience and commitment to coming into school is outstanding. There is a direct correlation between strong attendance and academic achievement in future years. By building these habits now our students are setting themselves up for success as they move forward.

I regularly tell the year group that school is what you make of it and that you only have one opportunity to enjoy it. So, they should get involved with anything they have an interest in and want to explore. It has been wonderful to see so many students throwing themselves into the wider life of the school. From outstanding performances in our recent summer concert to excellent teamwork and sportsmanship on the cricket and football pitches (amongst many other clubs and activities) their engagement has been inspiring to watch.

Looking ahead, next year will be all about building on the rock-solid foundations they have laid in Year 8. Year 9 is a key time, as it will involve preparing them to make their GCSE options choices. The maturity and work ethic they have shown this year prove they are more than ready for this next step.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support over the past year. I wish you and your families a wonderful, restful summer break. I hope the students stay safe, enjoy their time off, and return nice and fresh, ready to hit the ground running in Year 9.

Warmest regards,

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Miss M Cumming

Progress Leader - Year 8