



7th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you all had a lovely summer.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Sulola Junior has been appointed as the Head of Year 8. He will be supported by Miss Humphryes, Assistant Head of Year 8, and Miss Sattar, Year 8 Pastoral Mentor. I will continue as Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Year 8. We also welcome Mr Cumming, Mrs Chitolie and Miss Walkling to the Year 8 tutor team.

In line with our sixth form, we have decided to change the names of each tutor group to incorporate the form tutor's initials. Please find the updated list below.

As a school, we are fully committed to making every effort to give your child an excellent standard of education. Our ambition is to bring vision, energy, very high expectations and enthusiasm for all within an inspiring curriculum. This curriculum will continue to evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic society, and incorporate innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Please find an outline of what your child will be learning this term in the table below. There will be a progress check towards the end of September/beginning of October for all Year 8 students and you will receive your child's report after half term.

The pastoral focus for tutor time this term is Forming Caring Relationships and Building Resilience, and there will be many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of sporting, creative and musical activities.

I hope your child enjoys the term and I look forward to collaborating with you further to ensure your child's academic success and personal development.

Yours faithfully

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Updated Tutor Groups Year 8

2022-2023	2023-2024 Tutor Group	2023-2024 Form Tutor
7J1	8FRS	Mr Friel
7J2	8CUI	Mr Cumming
7M1	8KAU	Mrs Kaur
7M2	8RAZ	Ms Raizada / Mrs Graham
7N1	8CHB	Mrs Chitolie / Miss Walkling
7N2	8GRJ	Mr Graham
7S1	8VEK	Ms Velounias
7S2	8MCK	Mr McKinney
7V1	8RKO	Mrs Kocaslan

Year 8 Curriculum Outline Autumn Term

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Art	Observational drawings of animals.	A3 study using watercolour painting techniques.
Drama	World War II	Melodrama
English	Mystery and suspense in fiction	Martyn Pig by Kevin Brooks
French	Talking about holidays and using the Perfect Tense	Talking about special occasions, including food and drink
Geography	The Living World	Extreme Weather
History	To what extent are all revolutions the same? (English Civil War, French Revolution, American War of Independence)	How far did Britain change during the Industrial Revolution? (Industrial Revolution and Victorian Society)
Mathematics	Number Properties Positive and Negative Numbers Rounding and Estimation	Length and Area 3D Shapes
Music	Keyboard skills booster/ 'The Stolen Song' Chord progressions	Blues: Improvisation, structure and performance skills
PE	Handball Volleyball	Football Badminton
Religious Studies	Does God exist? (Theism, Atheism)	Why do we suffer? (Christianity, Buddhism, Atheism)
Science	Periodic Table Metals, Acids and Alkalis	The Human Body Bioenergetics
Spanish	Describing yourself and others	Television and cinema
Technology	Drawstring Bag Clock Acoustic card speaker Food commodities	Drawstring Bag Clock Acoustic card speaker Food commodities