



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: CXF/TA

April 2024

Year 8

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Summer Term 2024

I hope you and your family have had a relaxing and restful Easter break. It has been a fantastic to see the students return to school in such positive spirits ready for their final term as Year 8.

The summer term is an exciting one, with many opportunities in the calendar to note:

Lincolnshire Show	-	Wednesday 19 June
INSET DAY	-	Thursday 20 June
Sports Day	-	Friday 21 June
End of Year Celebration Trip	-	Wednesday 10 July

This term's PSHE will be focusing on personal health and challenging stereotypes, with the final unit teaching the students about politics and the law. Year 8 will have the benefit of an external speaker leading a discussion around the dangers of tobacco and a workshop addressing prejudices, especially within the LGBTQ+ community. We are also continuing with our mental wellbeing programme during form time. This term's theme is 'keep learning' and the focus is healthy eating. There is so much evidence on the link between diet and physical and mental health, we felt this was a really important area to raise awareness on in Year 8.

Keeping children safe online is a national issue. To assist you with social media and as technology evolves, new risks and challenges will emerge, making it essential to regularly update our knowledge and adapt our practices. Please visit our school website for additional resources on online safety for parents: <https://www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk/online-safety>. Please do talk with your child about their online experiences. Please monitor your child's social media and I would encourage you to report any issues to the Police/Social Media platforms.

As we move towards warmer weather, and hopefully more opportunities and space to be outside in our free time, I shall be reminding the year group about the need for non-physical play, in line with our Pupil Code of Conduct stating '*Keep your hands, feet and unkind words to yourself—'playfighting' is not permitted, nor is any physical behaviour of any kind.* Please speak with your child about the importance of engaging in positive behaviours during unsupervised time. Thank you for your support. All students will be given a field pass to support positive behaviour and I am confident that no field passes will need to be revoked.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the school's Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website. Trainers, false or gel nails, fake eyelashes, excessive make up, or more than one piercing per ear are not permitted. Fake tan is also not permitted in school and I welcome your support in this matter also.



I am incredibly proud to have witnessed the Year 8's merit totals continue to soar. A highlight of the week is our 'Celebration Assembly' on a Monday morning, each week the pile of certificates seems to get bigger and bigger. It is important that all certificates are kept safe for an event at the end of Year 9.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me; c.freckelton@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, I will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Emails should be written in line with the Parent Code of Conduct as shown on the school website under the Governors' section.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Freckelton', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mr C Freckelton
Head of Year 8