



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: ESH/TA

September 2025

Year 8 - New Term

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to a new term and I hope you had a good break over the summer.

Key dates:

25 September 2025 – Open Evening (half day close)

26 September 2025 – INSET day

14 November 2025 – Non Uniform Day

25 November 2025 – Y8 Parents' Evening

05 December 2025 – Data Point – report cards will be released sometime after this date.

This term in **PSHE** we are looking Citizenship, charity, finance and employability. We also have a session on the HPV vaccination as this will be offered to all Year 8 students this year. Next term, until Christmas, we are looking at safety – online and street safety.

Emerging issues - Last year, we had a number of issues arise in school that stemmed from online activity, both large group chats on WhatsApp and snapchat and also on TikTok. Please check your child's phone regularly and monitor what they are doing as they are still very young and do not always make the right choices. If you see anything online which you think requires reporting to the Police or the specific app platform then please do so and let me know.

Equipment - Please can you ensure your child is well equipped with stationery and a suitable school bag. Issues last year were largely centred around not having the correct equipment and not completing homework. As parents you should have access to the Firefly app where you can check what homework is set. Diaries are not issued to Year 8 (only Year 7)

Uniform – can you please ensure your child does not have trainers on. This includes Nike Air Force Ones and Adidas who do market their shoes as 'school shoes' but they are hybrid trainers. Please, no fake nails or lashes and one set of stud or sleeper earrings and one ring per hand and natural in order to avoid sanctions.

Thank you for all the support last year, the transition to secondary school is not always easy. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you. As a reminder, you can contact subject leaders for subject specific queries and I can be contacted via the school reception for urgent enquiries where I will endeavour to get back to you the same day, or via email on e.hanson@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Ms E Hanson
Head of Year 8