



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 8

Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring Term

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the New Year; the year group have already started strong with hundreds of certificates in our celebration assemblies and with their attitude to learning both in and outside of the classroom. Collectively last term Year 8 were awarded over 30,000 House Points for their hard work, determination and effort. The new House system seems to be working well with students being rewarded weekly for consistent good behaviour. Please continue to check MCAS for these.

In PSHE this term the focus is on online safety, social media and networking, staying safe and sexting. It feels pertinent here to mention that there is an ever-growing concern that pupils are using the internet, particularly Tik Tok and Snapchat, to engage in unpleasant and often unkind chat and posts. Please take an active interest in your child's online presence. The National College #wakeupwednesday has some excellent learning resources which are readily available for parents to access online, please do check these out.

For your information and support, I have addressed the year group about general disruption in class. I am seeing a lot of toys, skateboards etc in class which is not helpful to learning and have told students I will confiscate items and parents will need to come in to collect them if they would like them back.

Later this term, we will start to look at the world of work, and careers. Whilst this may seem early, it is important that students start to link qualities and life skills, whilst remaining ambitious. School has invested in a new careers' software 'Xello'. We will be exploring this later within tutor time during term 4, I am hopeful this will spark some conversations around careers at home also.

I hope by now you have accessed your child's autumn term progress data on the MCAS app. I am thrilled with the attitude to learning demonstrated by the year group with 96% of students achieving an average of 'Good' or higher. Students at William Farr School are actively encouraged to take part in extracurricular opportunities. The programme is vast, and busy, with more information being available on the school website. This term there exciting opportunities within the house structure, including house badminton, football and netball and house arts and crafts.

We have a number of students who suffer with severe nut allergies in school. Where possible, we would appreciate it if students did not bring nuts into school. This includes nuts in packed lunches and snack bars. Finally, I look forward to continuing working in partnership with you. As a reminder, I can be contacted via the school reception for urgent enquiries or via email on e.hanson@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk. As part of our commitment to support 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.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Hanson
Head of Year 8