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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Wexham School for the start of the new academic year following the summer holidays. Year 8 promises to be another exciting year in your child's journey at Wexham School and I am writing to provide you with key dates, expectations for the year and other important information.

Year 8 marks the next step in your child's education journey, as they continue towards developing their skills and knowledge across all their subjects, as well as establishing good habits and routines so that your child has the solid foundations for the years to come. As a result, it is important that every student meets our expectations in order to reach their full potential. My expectations for the year group are:

- Students should aspire to achieve 100% attendance every week
- All students try their best, even when facing challenges
- Respect each other and all members of staff at school
- Take on new opportunities beyond the classroom

The Year 8 Pastoral team will be working closely with students to ensure that every student reaches their potential at Wexham School. In order to help your child reach their potential please find the link attached that outlines the curriculum for every subject in Year 8. [Please click here](#) for the link to the Year 8 curriculum maps which includes details of how your child will be assessed and how they can support their learning outside of the classroom.

Attendance

Fundamental to every student at Wexham School is attendance. For a student to reach their full potential means that every student needs to attend school every day and to be in every lesson. It is important to recognise that we may not feel our best all of the time but students should strive to have the self-discipline and resilience to ensure that they are in school and learning. We expect students to have an attendance record of at least 95% across the year. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, we ask that you send a message to the school each day that they are absent so that we are able to have an understanding of the wellbeing of our child.

ClassCharts

As in previous years, ClassCharts will be our main method of communicating with parents. With the ClassCharts app you can see what rewards or sanctions your child has received during the day as well as their attendance percentage. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any issues with the app.

Expectations

Wexham School prides itself on behaviour and expectations will be higher for all students in Year 8 as they are no longer new to the school. In order for them to achieve their full potential they need to fully apply themselves in every lesson. Behaviour that does not meet our expectations or is having a detrimental impact upon the learning of the other students will be sanctioned accordingly and this could mean your child being out of circulation, missing out on being taught by a specialist teacher in that subject.

Another area that I would like to highlight is school uniform. All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day along with appropriate school shoes. This includes skirts being worn to the knee and not being rolled or tied at the back. Students are allowed to have one small stud in the bottom of each ear lobe; these should be a small plain silver or gold stud. Make-up, including colour in eyebrows, tinted/false eyelashes, tinted moisturiser, fake tan or concealer are not allowed.

Equipment

It is vitally important that students bring the correct equipment to school each day, being properly equipped is essential for effective learning, progress, and success in all subjects. To ensure that every student is fully prepared, all students are expected to bring a pencil case with the following items each day:

A black or blue pen	At least one spare pen	A green pen (for student corrections)
Pencil	Rubber	Ruler
Protractor	Calculator	Glue stick

Year 8 Key Events

We run a number of events across the academic year and will send more information about individual events throughout the year. I have included some key events for Year 8 and dates below so that you can get them into your calendars early.

Event	Date
Academic Progress Day	Wednesday 24 th September
Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 19 th November
Careers Fair	Thursday 27 th November
Academic Progress Evening	Thursday 15 th January
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 26 th March
Academic Progress Evening	Thursday 11 th June

I am excited about what this year will bring as students continue their Wexham School journey and am delighted to be the Head of Year for such a fantastic group of students.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hughes
Leader of Year 9