



Friday 23 May

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 have made a fantastic start to the summer term continuing their natural enthusiasm and politeness. It has been encouraging to see the maturity and focus that many of our Year 8 students have shown since returning from the Easter break. Their engagement in lessons, willingness to take on new challenges, and continued personal development have all been noticeable.

This term we launched our third Attendance challenge with the much-coveted prize being a pizza event for the tutor group with the highest attendance. Year 8 has excellent attendance so far across this academic year.

At the start of the term within the Tutor Curriculum students completed sessions linked to our partner school in Mumbai in India. Students undertook sessions that allowed them to compare North Leamington School with Anjuman I 'Islam BSK Girls High School and their individual contexts. Students also looked at a joint project on plastic and how they can be recycled and on 7 May, Year 8 had the privilege of hearing an engaging assembly from a lecturer at Coventry University, who explained the vital role of disaster management in today's world. The session highlighted how planning, preparation, and rapid response can save lives and reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters. Students gained valuable insights into real-life emergency scenarios and the careers involved in keeping communities safe, inspiring thoughtful discussion and a deeper understanding of global responsibility.

Students have also taken part in Student Voice where they have been able to discuss and contribute their thoughts on the school environment, the emotional environment and belonging, and their thoughts on possible improvements and feedback.

As part of our Careers Curriculum students have started to look at Labour Market Information (LMI), why it is important, how communities and society influence LMI and how students can find out information about the Labour Market. A knowledge of LMI is important to students so that they look at careers that are growing rather than declining. Students have also looked at the next phase of Digital Literacy as they develop their understanding of how it impacts on our everyday lives.

It's wonderful to take the opportunity to celebrate rewards. The following students are the top ten reward achievers for this half term:

Student	Reward Points
Imogen D	66
Ruby L	64
Jasnoor K	62
Jessica B	59
Amy B	59
Emily M	59
Gaia T	59
Megan O	57
Henry C	56
Sohpia C	56

A reminder for those joining the Paris trip to hand in their passports and EHIC or GHIC information as soon as possible. In addition, non-UK passport holders should ensure that they have any further documentation for the trip. Not long to go now!

A message from Mr Lowdell

Given the extremely short nature of this term we will save our main bulletin until the end of the academic year. A brief note from me, on behalf of the school, to thank you as always for your continued support. Whether you are supporting your child through key terminal assessments, or helping them achieve the small milestones each day, your contribution is never underestimated. This term has been incredibly speedy but wonderful nonetheless. A couple of special notes and a well done to all those who are working hard through the exam season, our Gold DofE students for completing their 4 day expedition, Year 10 students who completed the Physics Olympiad and all those who continue to be rewarded daily for working hard in each lesson.

On a lighter note, a quick share as we head to the break. Every now and again I am reminded of what a brilliant, privileged and yet unpredictable job we all have here at school in working with young people. On one morning this term I was greeted by an incredibly excited lower school student who ran towards me to tell me we had two dinosaurs and a large shark on the school site... I was adamant this was unlikely only to be marched across the playground and proven wrong. Not only did we find these three characters, they were also being tailed by a large group of 6ft Smurfs!! For photos please see the [latest news item](#) as we said a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 13 students. Seeing them on their final full school day, amidst the pressures of exams and the prospect of next step destinations into adulthood is always a bittersweet moment but one where we really see the hard work of all pay off.

Have a great break and please do praise your young people for all their continued hard work.

Coming up next term:

13-16 June, Year 8 Paris Trip

24 June, Year 8 Space Centre workshop

25 June, Whole School Celebration Evening for those nominated for an award

8 July, Summer Music Concert

7-11 July, College Assemblies

9 July, Year 8 Maths Bee

15 July, Sports Day

Summer Drama Production - A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

The VIBE Drama club students will be performing an edited version of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. Under the guidance of Mrs Hill, the students have collaborated as an ensemble to explore the text through practical workshops to bring the story to life through physical theatre and narration.

The performance will take place on 1 July in the theatre and will start at 6.00pm. It is free of charge to attend but for us to gauge numbers and make the arrangements, please go online to www.parentpay.com to indicate if you are attending.

Next half term is an exciting and important part of the Year 8 journey towards Year 9 and the upper part of Key Stage 3. We would like to take the opportunity to wish parents, carers and students a very restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back for the final half term of the academic year.

Kind regards,

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