



Friday 22 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Year 8 Head of Year Welcome Back**

As we settle into the new academic year, I wanted to touch base with you all and congratulate year 8 on such a successful return to school. I have received great feedback from staff about how well year 8 conduct themselves, both in and outside of lessons, as well as how hard they have been working in class.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up, more details of which will follow in the subsequent weeks.

- w/c 16<sup>th</sup> October brings the House Sports Week, a great opportunity for students to get involved with exciting activities and gain points for the House competition.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – the return of our highly anticipated International Food Festival. This was a huge success last year and I am very excited to return and taste wonderful foods from around the world as well as meet families of our students.
- w/c 27<sup>th</sup> November will be the next House Olympiad, the engineering challenge.
- w/c/ 11<sup>th</sup> December is a huge week for a house system, bringing with its House Charity week and the second House Sports week.

As well as this, we have a variety of [extracurricular clubs](#) that run daily at lunchtime and after school. With no fewer than 39 clubs running, I highly recommend that you check the school website (or click the above link) for more information and details of clubs that students may wish to attend, emailing the teacher to find out if there are spaces left.

The year 8 'Meet the Tutor' evening will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November and Year 8 parents' evening will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, so please add these dates to your calendars. The first set of ROAs for Year 8 will begin the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> January.

A reminder that if you have any queries, worries, or just want to keep us updated, you can contact myself, or Mrs Peryer the Year 8 Pastoral lead, on [year8team@glenmoorandwinton.org.uk](mailto:year8team@glenmoorandwinton.org.uk). If students are lacking any equipment, please remind them that they can source this in the small office, upstairs in the Brundle building.

Lastly, I just want to extend a huge thank you for supporting the students back to the start of a hugely successful new year at Glenmoor and Winton Academies. Despite only leading the students as Head of Year 8 for a short amount of time, I am already very proud to lead such a fantastic year group.

Yours sincerely,

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