

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and had the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family. I would like to start by offering a warm welcome back to Year 8. I feel lucky to be continuing with this year group and I am very excited to continue this journey through secondary school with such brilliant young people.

The transition between year groups is full of changes for students and it is completely normal for them to feel nervous and excited but, considering this, I have been impressed by the way the year group have taken everything in their stride and settled in this year. The students have looked smart, demonstrated excellent behaviour, and attendance has been good. I have had fantastic feedback from class teachers, and I hope the year group continues to thrive over the next term.

We understand that your child's education and wellbeing is paramount and here at Lymm High we are dedicated to creating an environment that fosters their growth. Our experienced and passionate team of staff are here to nurture your child's strengths and empower them to reach their full potential.

Within our lessons we will continue to follow our broad, balanced and diverse curriculum in order to educate and develop our children to become well-rounded citizens. All Year 8 students have again been given a knowledge organiser, which is part of their everyday equipment and will aid revision before exams. The students will have two main exam periods in January and June when they will be assessed in each subject to check progress and development.

Here at Lymm High we also take great pride in our offering of extra-curricular activities and the Leadership Ladder. I hope our Year 8 students take full advantage of the opportunities to get involved in a variety of activities to represent the school and take this year as a new opportunity to learn new skills.

Students can also continue to take advantage of an extensive pastoral support network in Year 8. They will continue to work alongside myself as their Head of Year, Miss Carrington (our Pastoral Manager) and our fantastic Student Services team.

Whilst the support and resources that we offer will prove invaluable to our students, it can only be maximised if they attend school on time each day, taking full advantage of the opportunities provided. Maintaining excellent attendance is more crucial than ever before to ensure that students do not fall behind in their subjects and maximise progress. Whilst we understand that illness is sometimes simply unavoidable, at Lymm High School we strive for students to have attendance above 97%, dropping below this figure has the potential to negatively impact their final grade.

More specific information for Year 8 will be discussed at our Year 8 Information, Advice and Guidance evening (IAG). This will be online on Tuesday 26th September. The link for this virtual event will be sent out next week.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to some of the key dates to note for this academic year:

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Activity	Date
Year 8 Residential Information Evening	25 th September 2023
Year 8 Information, Advice and Guidance Evening	26 th September 2023
Year 8 Residential Trip	L Forms 9 th – 11 th October 2023 H Forms 11 th – 13 th October 2023
Year 8 Progress Report 1	End of November 2023 (approx.)
KS3 January exams	15 th – 19 th January 2024
Year 8 Parents' Evening	8 th February 2024
Year 8 Progress Report 2	End of February 2024 (approx.)
KS3 June exams	10 th – 21 st June 2024
Year 8 progress Report 3	Mid July (approx.)
Sports Day	17 th July 2024
Whole School Awards Evening	18 th July 2024
Founders' Day	23 rd July 2024

I am confident that together we can continue to provide the guidance and encouragement students need to excel academically, build resilience, and develop into well-rounded individuals. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our doors are always open and we are here to assist you in any way we can.

Should you have any queries or questions, please see the list of key contacts below to help you identify the best person to contact:

Subject-specific query/concern	Subject teacher or Head of Faculty
Student welfare query/concern	Miss N Carrington (Year 8 Pastoral Manager)
General progress query/concern	Form Tutor
More serious/complex concerns	Miss N Beck (Head of Year 8)
Exam query	Communications and Exams section of the school website

Yours faithfully,

N Beck

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