

13th December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 8 – End of term letter

As Christmas fast approaches we can look back on a busy term. Year 8 have yet again been amazing and have thrown themselves into every opportunity available to them.

We started this term with our annual Macmillan coffee morning. Year 8, along with Year 7 were tasked with donating cakes for the event and they attacked this challenge with gusto donating the greatest amount of cake ever! It proved to be very successful and we managed to raise an impressive £720.98 for the Macmillan cancer charity.

Year 8 have been impressive in technology this year, winning two separate competitions. 8L won a technology challenge, where they were required to build a structure from paper and straws that bridged a 50cm gap. 8L won by creating a structure which was able to support a small matchbox car travelling along the gap. Great work!

In addition to this, 16 students across Year 8 attended the annual DigiGirlz competition at Microsoft, the aim of this competition is to inspire girls to take up careers in computing. They had to complete a task using a micro: bit which could be adapted for a person with a disability. The girls did fantastically well by designing a dementia kit for the elderly and their design went on to win the competition. Congratulations to all involved.

Attendance in Year 8 is very good for the majority of the year group at 96.5%; I am very grateful to parents for supporting us in ensuring that your daughters attend regularly as good attendance really does make an important difference to their progress. Whilst genuine illness cannot be avoided we are keen to encourage students who may just feel a bit under the weather to come in to school – we are able to keep an eye on them and look after them if necessary but we frequently find that once they have caught up with their friends and are busy with their lessons they often start to feel better.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 8