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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 8 Welcome Letter**

I'm delighted to be joining year 8 as their Head of Year for this, and coming years. They are a fantastic group of students who have made a really pleasing start to the year. I look forward to aiding them to achieve their best inside the classroom whilst supporting them to become happy and confident young adults. A focus of my early assemblies has been to encourage all students to attend the wide range of extracurricular clubs we have at The Holt. We are keen that students engage with the many enrichment activities The Holt has to offer as it aids self-development as well as gaining new interests that they can pursue through their adult lives. I hope your daughter has already, or will, become fully involved in new activities this year whilst maintaining their interests from last year. We hope you will encourage your daughter to take part in some of the enrichment activities detailed on the attached timetable.

Last year some parents requested a list of textbooks that their daughter used in school so that they could purchase a copy for use at home. A Year 8 student needs very few text books and it is not an expectation that you need to buy the books as students have access to them in lessons and where applicable through online resources. However, the list is outlined below for your information.

| Subject   | Information  | ISBN Numbers   |
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| Science   | There is no appropriate text book - the best resources are BBC bitesize for KS3 science or a general KS3 revision guide              |  |
| Spanish   | Mira 2   | 978-0-435391-94-2  |
| History   | History in Progress 1603 to 1901 Book 2<br>(Is useful for most of year 8 and the first term of year 9. Some topics are also at GCSE) | 978-0435-318-94-9  |
| German    | Echo   | 2 978 0 435389 21 5  |
| French    | Studio 2 rouge   | 978 0 435026 97 4  |
| Maths     | MyMaths for Key stage 3 Books 2A, 2B, 2C ,3A, 3B, 3C,<br>All listed books are available on line which all students have access to.   | 9780198304562<br>9780198304579<br>9780198304586<br>9780198304654<br>9780198304661<br>9780198304678 |
| Computing | There is no appropriate text book - the best resources are BBC Bitesize and <a href="http://www.teach-ict.com">www.teach-ict.com</a> |  |

I look forward to working with you and your students over the coming years. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Kind regards

Miss Shephard  
 Head of year 8