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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of year 8

We have made it to the end of year 8 and what a fantastic year it has been. Students are proving to be respectful and resilient ambassadors we are proud to have representing our school community. The year group attendance ends on 93%, higher than the school average and gained the second highest number of achievement points, 41,009 to be specific! Congratulations year 8!

We have continued to reward our students on a weekly basis, with postcards, star of the week in assemblies and the Tutor Group of the week award linked to attendance and behaviour. Additionally, as a reward for gaining achievement points, students have earnt badges and certificates. This year, 20 students have received a platinum award for achieving 250 achievement points, 109 students have received gold award for achieving 180 achievement points, 202 students received a silver award for 120 achievement points and 228 students received a bronze award for 60 achievement points. We have also had students represent the college in many sporting activities, some have auditioned for the whole school performance of We Will Rock You next academic year and others have led assemblies to the whole school. Additionally, we have had a number of students who have performed in the Summer Arts Festival and the brilliant Culture Day show to name a few. We are very proud of all our students who have been recognised for their positive contributions to the school. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

In tutor time, students have all been reading several books and short stories together. This help us understand diverse cultures, encourage inclusivity and be good people. Reading develops students' imagination and capacity to think creatively. It builds listening capacity, focus and stimulates thinking and discussion. These skills support our students in their development of our core values, in particular respect and reflectiveness. We hope they enjoy reading and discussing it together!

Our aim is to ensure that every student in the year group is able to make sensible choices in all aspects of college, both in and out of the classroom, so that they fulfil their potential and develop into "Good People". In order to achieve this, we would like to remind you of our expectations in order to prepare for Year 9.

- Attend school on time every day to join in personal development activities and lessons. There is a clear link between attendance and achievement.
- ❖ Be in correct and full uniform according to the uniform policy which can be found on our website. Students risk being withdrawn from lessons in the new academic year if uniform does not adhere to the policy until it is rectified.
- Bring the correct equipment for the day such as pens, pencils, a ruler, calculator and any exercise books they need
- Follow the college behaviour guidelines and participate fully in their education ensuring they do not disrupt their own or others learning.
- Mobile phones and headphones must not be used during the school day and should be turned off and kept in their bags. Devices will be confiscated and detentions given if they are seen out by any member of staff.

Your child's tutor will continue to be a key figure in supporting them on their successful journey for the next 3 years. They will see them every day and will be the first point of contact in college should you have any queries or concerns. You can contact them using contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk.

















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Please find below information about key dates that we hope you will find useful. There's lots to look forward to:

- Wednesday 28 August College opens to students
- Thursday 28 November Year 9 parents evening
- Friday 29 November Inset Day
- Thursday 6 February Year 9 options evening
- Friday 7 February Year 9 Science Museum trip
- Friday 28 March Careers Speed Networking Event
- Friday 16 May Year 9 Geography trip to Twycross Zoo (Population A)
- Friday 23 May Year 9 Geography trip to Twycross Zoo (Population B)
- Monday 7 July Spanish residential

Finally, please be aware that there will be a staggered start for year groups across the school on the first day back, Wednesday 28 August. Arrangements for <u>year 9</u> are below:

| Time | Activity |
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| 9.30am – 9.45am | Arrival – Meet in playground behind the dining hall |
| 9.45am – 10.10am | Assembly in Sports Hall |
| 10.10am – 10.25am | Break time |
| 10.25am – 11.35am | Tutor Time |
| 11.35am – 12.25pm | Lesson 4 |
| 12.25pm – 1.05pm | Lunch |
| 1.05pm – 1.55pm | Lesson 6 |
| 1.55pm – 2.45pm | Lesson 7 |

We hope that you enjoy the Summer holidays and keep yourself safe during this period. We look forward to continue working with you all moving into year 9.

Yours sincerely

Ms Wiltshire Mrs Dunn

Year 8 Pastoral Leader Year 8 Assistant Pastoral Leader













