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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 is now well underway and I have been very impressed with the general attitude shown by the year group so far. There is a real feeling of purpose and focus amongst the students, which we will work hard to foster for the rest of the year!.

I am sure that your son/daughter has told you that we have had to curtail our Christmas activities this year due to changes in staffing, but there will be many opportunities to build on the social side of school life throughout the year.

There are two major additions to the normal school activities that occur in Year 8: The "Duty Student" program and the "Career Inspiration Day".

Duty Students

Last year the school ran a successful pilot program, which we want to extend to all our Year 8 students this year. On the day of their shift, students get to see behind the scenes of the school. Students might work with the reception staff on administrative tasks; help the caretaking staff to ensure the site is fit for purpose; employ the skills they have learned in Food tech by supporting the catering staff or compliment the work of the Librarians. The students who participated in the pilot last year were very complimentary about the program and the report cards that they received from the staff with whom they worked highlighted the skills the students had demonstrated that would impress future employers.

Career Inspiration Day

On Tuesday 12 February 2019, we will suspend the Y8 curriculum in order to allow students to enter the world of work. It is hoped that the vast majority of the students will be able to go and spend the day with a parent or close family member to learn about the work that they do. Students not able to organise an external visit will attend school as usual on the day.

More details of both events will be sent to you nearer the time but to help us with the planning of the Career Inspiration Day, please complete the following slip to indicate the likelihood of your daughter/son being able to secure an external visit. Please note that we will only take this as an initial indication and all students will be catered for on the day.

Yours faithfully

Neil Fordham
Head of Year 8

Student Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

*(Delete as appropriate)

*I am confident that I will be able to sort an external visit on the Career Inspiration Day

* I am confident that my child will be in school on the Career Inspiration Day

Signed _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FOR TO YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR BY FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018

