



9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of a very swift and busy half-term. I would like to thank you for the well wishes and welcome I have received since my arrival in January. I have appreciated fully your co-operation and your support. I have looked closely at your comments and views from the Year 8 Subject Evening Questionnaire that you completed on Monday 15 January. You all have full confidence in the curriculum we offer and for those students with individual educational needs, you feel that they are well supported and are on the journey to succeed well in their endeavours. Any parents or carers who made individual requests or raised queries have now been contacted. Thank you again for your assistance and your on-going solidarity with us at school.

24 Day Challenge – At the start of 2024, we challenged all our students to have 100% attendance over the course of this 24 day half-term. I am glad to say that the majority of Year 8 students have managed this and I'm very proud of them. Next half-term is going to be 25 school days long, so let's aim to beat this number next half-term.

Paris Trip 2024: Final trip numbers are in and a group of Year 8 students along with members of staff will be on the road to Paris from 7 – 10 June 2024. I'll be sending full details and sharing with you all the necessary documentation after the half-term break. Please note that we will need copies of both passport photo-page and EHIC / GHIC cards before the end of February please. A full parent meeting will be taking place on Monday 22 April 2024 in our school theatre.



Three year 8 students have been nominated as candidates in the Warwickshire Youth Council elections. As a school, we really encourage your child to vote. If we can get a number of our school community behind the girls, this will give them a real fighting chance of a win! They appear as **Annabel DW**, **Hope D** and **Macy G**. Please see [here](#) for details.

The closing date for votes is **28 February 2024** so we don't have much time!

Year 8 Computer Science – Cyber Explorers is an exciting initiative is led by His Majesty's Government Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). Careers of the future demand digital skills and Cyber Explorers showcases how the skills being taught in class are linked to real world situations, through an immersive, gamified learning experience. It involves a virtual world where Cyber Explorers uncover how digital, computing and cyber security skills are integral to successful career paths.

The Computer Science department will be introducing and delivering this initiative as a scheme of work in Year 8, which students can then independently continue with outside of the classroom.

To find out more go to the Cyber Explorers website (<https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/>). The platform will be collecting some personal data about students and there are Privacy notices for Parents (<https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/privacy-notice/parent-or-guardian-and-child>) and students (<https://www.cyberexplorers.co.uk/privacy-notice/child>).

If you have any questions please contact Mr Sycamore (Head of Computer Science).

Finally, I want to give an enormous congratulations to our tremendous **Year 8 Netball Team** who took part in a local tournament this week. They played three games -

NLS won 10-1 vs Aylesford

NLS won 10-2 vs Kenilworth

NLS drew 4-4 vs Kings High



Well done, Girls! We are all so very proud of you!

It just leaves me to say a massive thank you again. I sincerely hope you have a calm and restful half-term break and I look forward to seeing all our wonderful Year 8 students back on Monday 19 February ready to work hard all the way up to the Easter holidays.

With my best regards,

Alan Boyes
Year 8 Lead