



Kind

Ambitious

Determined

Headteacher: Mr G Green

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 Students,

It is hard to believe that the first half of the Autumn Term has already drawn to a close and we are heading towards the Christmas break. It has been a period of significant growth and accomplishment for our Year 8 students, and I am writing to share my pride in what they have achieved.

This term has truly seen our students come into their own. They have settled remarkably well into the rhythm of the school community, establishing new routines and solidifying friendships. Crucially, they have embraced their role as senior students by demonstrating profound kindness in helping our new Year 7 students navigate their transition. Their willingness to mentor and support the younger students has been a fantastic demonstration of our school value of kindness.

Academically, Year 8 has shown real ambition. During the first half of the autumn term we have seen them move beyond introductory topics, delving deeper into complex areas of study and exploring new subjects with intellectual curiosity. They are developing excellent independent study skills, which will be vital as they progress through the school.

This desire to challenge themselves is also evident in the wide range of extra-curricular activities they have eagerly engaged in. Whether it is joining a new club, attending an academic society, or participating in drama and music, the commitment to broadening their horizons outside the classroom has been inspiring. Here is a link to the wonderful activities on offer:

[Personal Development, Clubs & Extra Curricular - Fakenham Academy](#)

I must also praise the Year 8 students for their outstanding support during our recent Open Evening. Acting as knowledgeable and enthusiastic tour guides, and assisting in subject departments, they were a brilliant representation of our school. They answered questions with maturity and were exceptional ambassadors.

This spirit of determination has also resulted in fantastic success on the sports field. The boys' rugby team deserves special recognition for their incredible run in the recent tournament. They displayed immense resilience and teamwork, winning every match bar one, which was enough to secure the overall tournament winners!

Your children have made a superb start to the academic year. Their embodiment of our core values (kindness, ambition, and determination) has made this an extremely rewarding half-term. Thank you for your continued support from home, which is invaluable to their success.

We look forward to an even more productive and successful second half-term.

Yours sincerely

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Year 8 Progress Leader