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To: Year 8

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 – End of Academic Year

As we reach the end of your child/ward's second academic year at Taverham High School, I wanted to take a moment to get in touch and celebrate some of the successes for Year 8's across the school.

Year 8 have grown from strength to strength this year, building on their successes in Year 7. This year has continued to exceed house point totals (beating the last year 8's by 1000's) and the majority of students in Year 8 have also had impressive attendance. Additionally, as a cohort they are known by staff to be confident, get involved in all sports and activities and compassionate towards others, an especially important characteristic.

Particular highlights include participation in the early rewards lunches for many students, Year 8 play performances (A Midsummer Night's Dream was especially brilliant!) Debate Club competitions in December, RAG week, Sports Day competitiveness (and sportsmanship), H2H projects such as recycling plastic bottles, growing chilli plants and raising awareness for important causes.

As we break up for the Summer it is important to reflect on the successes and to have important conversations with your child/ward about maintaining those high expectations of themselves as they begin Year 9 in September 2026. I would love to see attendance improve even further, especially as we move closer to choosing options in the Spring term. Additionally, it is important that students return to school in September ready to meet expectations, including the correct uniform and equipment ready to learn. Please do encourage your child/ward to return with an attitude for success.

I would also like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of both your child/ward and of the school; our aim is to support students to be compassionate, resilient and ambitious individuals, and without your support this would not be possible.

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Lastly, some reminders around uniform and lateness for when we return in September. Students must be in full correct uniform which includes:

- **Royal blue blazer with red braid and school logo**
- **Tie in House colour, worn at an appropriate length**
- **Black skirt with school logo, worn at knee-length**
- **Straight leg black trousers, no skinny fit, leggings or jean design (boys and girls optional)**
- **Plain white collared shirt tucked in with top button fastened.**
- **Plain white or black socks or tights**
- **Plain black v-neck jumper with school logo (optional item)**
- **Plain black v-neck jumper or cardigan, not sweatshirt material (optional item)**
- **Shoes: Plain black, polishable**

Please do also support your child/ward in their readiness to learn by equipping them with pens, pencils etc. for September. A further reminder of equipment and uniform will be sent before we return to school.

Finally, I hope you and your family have a wonderful, restful Summer break and we look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs T Gardiner
Head of Year 8 and Assistant Headteacher