

## Year 8 Parent Notes

Year 8 had their first assembly on Tuesday, focusing on resilience and goal setting. Following this, students are being asked to create three SMART targets during tutor time. These can range from academic goals such as 'I want to go from a grade 4 to 5 in English by Christmas', to school-wide goals such as 'I will attend an enrichment club before October half term', or 'I will gain 50 achievement points by Christmas'.

These SMART targets will be sent home for you to sign and return to tutors. This is an opportunity to have a positive conversation with your son/daughter about the year to come and how they plan to succeed both in and out of lessons. These targets will be reviewed in tutor time before Christmas, to see how students are progressing.

Students were also introduced to Showtime in this week's assembly. Showtime is an acronym for 'Supporting Homework = Outstanding Work' and will be commencing at the end of September.

Showtime will be offered to all students to attend after school, where a teacher will be in a quiet study area to allow students time and support to complete homework. However, those students with a number of behaviour points for no homework will be asked to attend twice a week, with parental agreement, to ensure students get into good routines with homework completion.

Random 'equipment checks' will start to take place during tutor time this week and next week. All students are expected to have a blue/black pen, pencil, eraser and ruler with them for all lessons to avoid any disruption to learning. It is desirable to have a glue stick and a green biro as well if possible. For your convenience, it is worth noting that all of the equipment can be bought for 10p from the Maths department. Any student without the correct equipment during the checks will be asked to see Miss Wheeler the following day with their corrected equipment, otherwise a sanction will be put in place.

A reminder that next Friday is the school's traditional sponsored walk. We are looking to raise as much money as possible to further support the students at Oxted School.

Students should all have a sponsorship form in the colour of their House. Spares can be found on the school website. Please sponsor your children who will be walking the surrounding countryside of Oxted within their House.

It is a fantastic opportunity for the Year 8 students to feel they belong to their House. Students will be required to take a packed lunch and plenty of drink, please avoid students taking fizzy drinks. Students should also have sun cream and a hat, in case of hot weather. A packed lunch will be collected on the morning of the sponsored walk for those students who receive Free School Meals.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, we hope you found it useful and informative. Any questions, please feel free to contact us on the email addresses below, or regarding individual student queries, tutors should be contacted as a first port of call.

Finally a reminder of the fact that HPV Vaccinations for Year 8 Girls are due to take place next Thursday 28 September. Please ensure that the forms have been returned to reception and that your daughter knows what time she needs to attend her appointment.

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