



YEAR 8

NEWSLETTER – JAN 26

Dear Parents and Carers

The first academic year for our 25/26 cohort has well and truly flown by so let us formally welcome you to Year 8! Our students continue to embody the five Key Drivers with a phenomenal amount of engagement in the Christmas Shoe Box appeal which saw a number of donations from our Form groups. In total the Academy sent over 50 boxes to the local community, with Year 8 donations being sent to Full Life Church Families. Community was exemplified by the Year group.

Fifteen of the top students in the Year cohort also enjoyed a fantastic day out at Chester Zoo at the beginning of December as part of the Gold Rewards. Well done to their amazing aspiration!

Three of our Year 8 students also performed in this year's Christmas Show production which saw renditions of popular Christmas classics, dance routines and scenes from the Grinch. Confidence was shown throughout their performance!

We are so proud of the individual and large-scale achievements of the cohort and are very excited for 2026 ahead which includes the introduction of the 'mystery lucky dip box' as part of Assembly Awards, a continuation of Bronze Breakfast Bingo and more Key Driver certificates on the Morning Gate.

Thank you for all of your support from home and wishing you a wonderful New Year.

Miss Johnson & Mrs Stanton

STANDARDS REMINDER

Just a reminder of how Y8 Mornings at the Academy run:

- Year 8 students make their way to the Diner where they are greeted by Miss Johnson on the microphone and Mrs Stanton on equipment checking.
- Miss Johnson will give raffle tickets to students who contribute to the Morning Discussion and are helpful in The Diner. This can be putting the baskets on tables for example.
- Mrs Stanton will ask to see student's pencil cases. They need to have one black pen, one red pen, one pencil and one ruler.
- If students have any equipment missing, then they stand next to the green tray and are given equipment (by Miss Johnson) with no consequence.
- If students are continually borrowing equipment, then a charge will be added on ParentPay.
- Students can help themselves to free toast and juice in The Diner.
- Students sit in their Morning Discussion Seating Plan and engage in the Morning Discussion (displayed on the screen in The Diner).
- One question we have had was 'Would you rather have the ability to fly or be invisible?'
- The A-Board also displays notices and activities such as 'Headline Wednesday.' Ask your child what was on the A-Board!
- Students have the opportunity to speak to Miss Johnson or Mrs Stanton about any concerns they have during this time too.

YEAR 8 REWARDS

The Year 8 cohort continue to raise the bar and have enjoyed a number of rewards across the School Calendar:

- Bronze, silver and gold awards.
- Bronze being Breakfast Bingo.
- Silver being in-school festive events.
- Gold being a rewards trip.
- Maltby Stars (bronze, silver and gold).
- Raffle ticket prizes (a Y8 student won a tablet last term).
- Individual House Point certificate and treat.
- Individual Attendance certificates and treat.

HOUSE POINT CERTIFICATES

The following students have won the Individual House Point certificate prize:

- Harry H
- Sophie B
- Jaycee B
- Mia R
- Alec S
- Prestige A
- Ruby I
- Praise M
- Gracie L
- Demi W
- Leia B



ATTENDANCE POINT CERTIFICATES

The following students have won the Individual Attendance Point certificate prize:

- Will B
- Theo W
- Savannah W
- Holly-May S
- Seith A
- Emily F
- Mila T
- Quinn H
- Eva B
- Jack L
- Ranelle B

FAMILY DINING UPDATE

As you will be aware Family Dining has come to an end with the Y8 cohort due to them graduating to 'normal' lunch. This means students will have a full 100-minute Period 2 lesson and lunch will begin at 12:40pm. Year 8 have been grouped with Y10 for lunch.

Please ensure that you can access ParentPay and that your child has had their thumb print taken. For students on FSM (free school meals) they have a total of £2.60 a day to use that can only be spent at lunch time. If any item is bought at break time or amounts to more than £2.60 then it will be an additional charge on their ParentPay account. If you have any issues with this, please email info@maltbyacademy.com