



Year 8

Welcome back!

Welcome to Year 8.

Year 8 have had a brilliant start to the year, particularly after a long period off school.

They have settled back in to school life so well, and are taking the changes in their stride.



What went well!

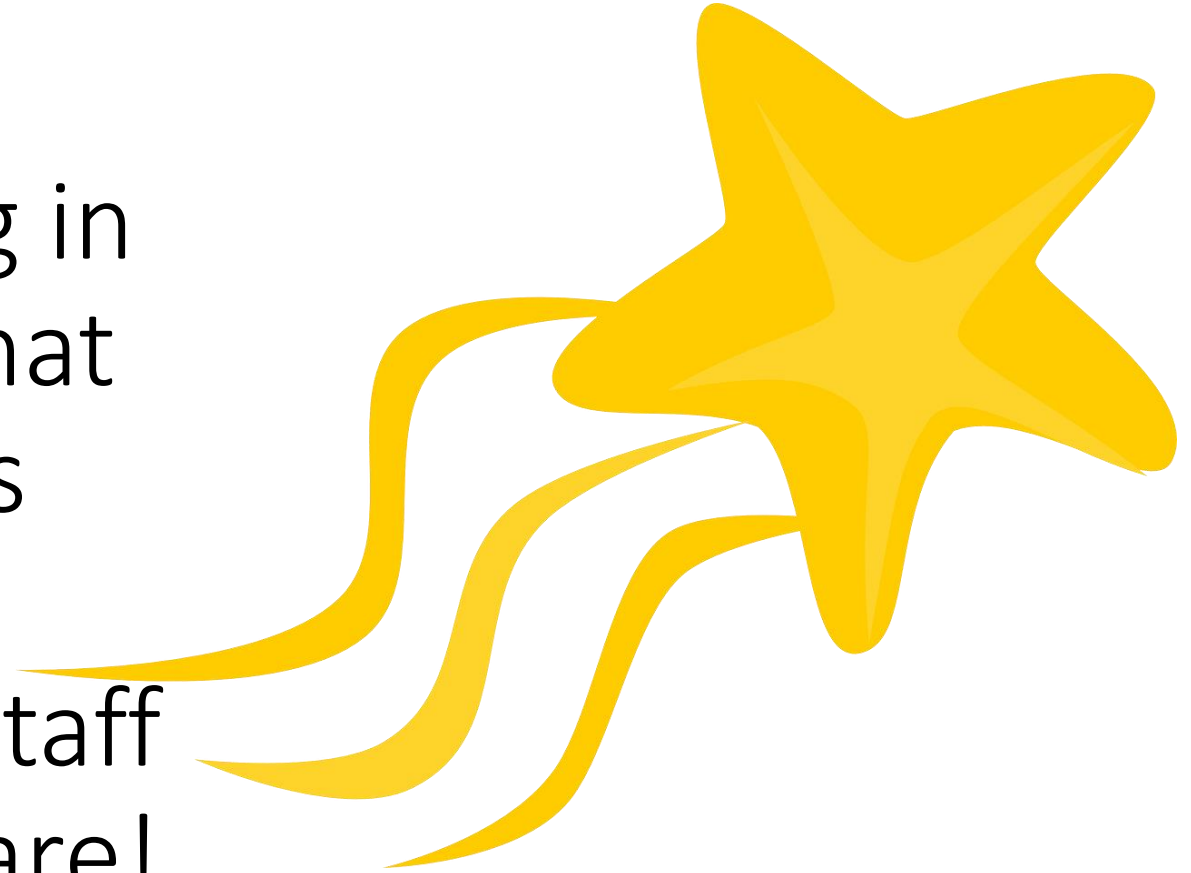
Three main things I have noticed about the Year 8 students are...

The superb example they are setting to our new Y7 students, leading the way to support our new cohort to success.



What went well!

The effort they are putting in to lessons to make sure that they are as successful as possible, whilst also impressing all of our new staff with how brilliant they all are!



What went well!

Walking around at break time and lunch time and seeing some incredibly positive attitudes and behaviours towards their peers and staff.



What should Year 8 do?

I want for Year 8 students to have their most successful year at Chertsey High School. This year is really a chance for them to take a step up in terms of education, and to become resilient and confident learners. I am asking Year 8 students to be GREAT;

G- Growth
R- Resilience
E- Eager
A- Ambition
T- Teamwork

I believe that these are the qualities that our students need to be successful this year and in their future school career.



How can they do this?

Below are some examples of opportunities students have to demonstrate these qualities.

Growth: To learn a new skill, develop understanding around a complex issue, own up to and saying sorry for making a mistake, to try to do better.

Resilience: To try again when things don't go to plan, to give things more than one go, to pick yourself up after something goes wrong.

Eager: To offer to help in class to teachers or peers, to come to lessons with a good mindset, to give everything a go, even if you aren't 100% confident.

Ambition: To believe that you can do anything that you want to, to try and better yourself, to show a desire and determination to do your best.

Teamwork: To take part in sporting activities or clubs, to work well with others in class, to include everyone in a group, to demonstrate good leadership skills.



Key Focus Points.

There are four key things that Year 8 should be focussing on this year. These are:

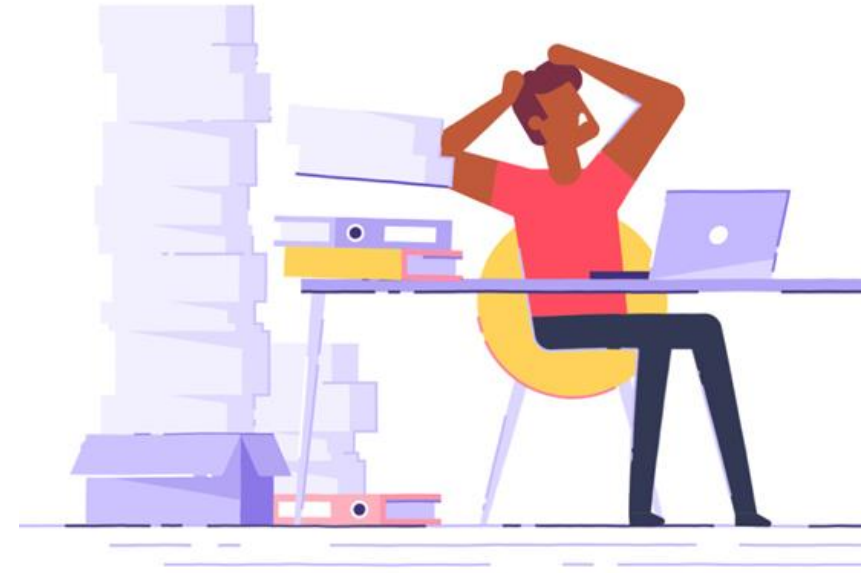
- Study techniques.
- Start of a new year.
- Building relationships with teachers.
- Embracing all opportunities offered in the curriculum and extra curricular clubs.



Study Techniques.

In order for Y8 to have successful study techniques they will need to:

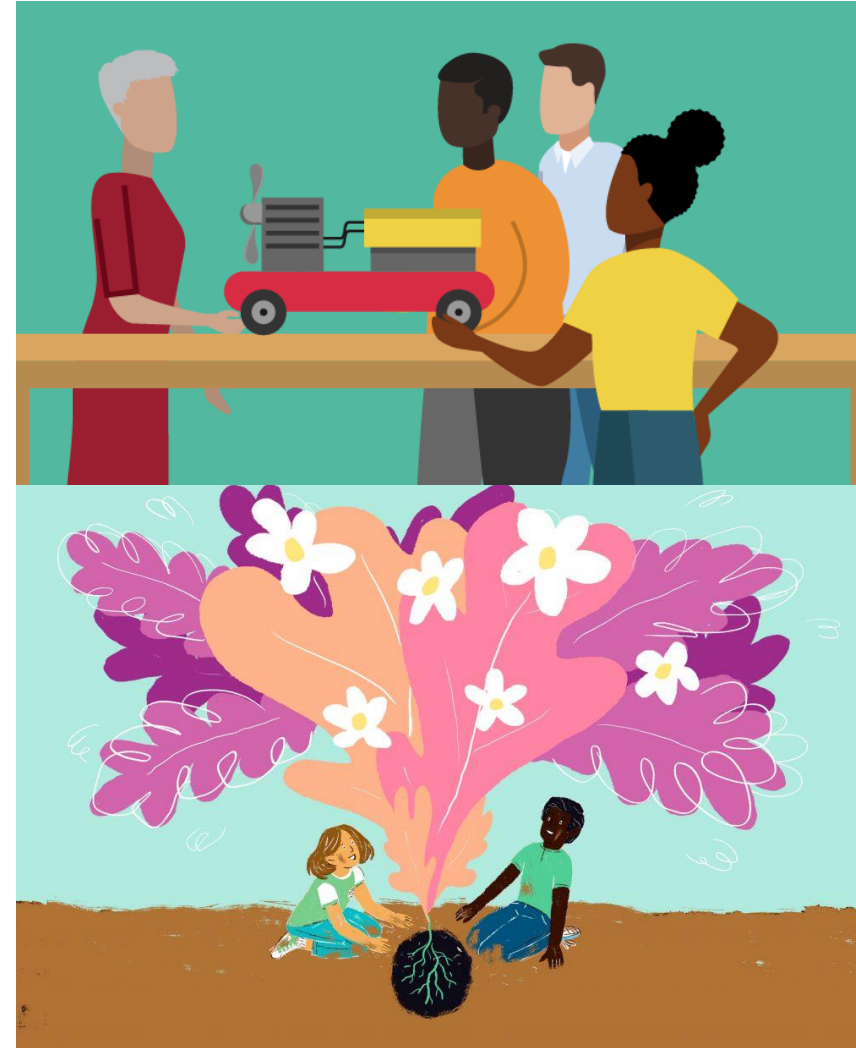
- Have a quiet space to do work in.
- Have a duplicate of equipment where possible so that time isn't lost looking for items.
- Have **no** distractions (TV, Radio, Computer, Phone).
- Specific times to complete homework (for example, 4-6pm).
- Consider how they retain information best- this may take some trial and error.



Start of a new year.

In order for Y8 to have successful year they will need to consider this year as a:

- A chance to begin again.
- A fresh start for everyone.
- An opportunity to do things differently OR
- A chance to carry on the success you've already had.



Relationships with teachers.

In order for Y8 to have successful year they will need to look at this year as an:

- Opportunity to get to know staff members better.
- Opportunity to build positive relationships with staff.
- Opportunity to get to be taught by subject specialists who love their subjects!



Opportunities in extra-curricular activities.

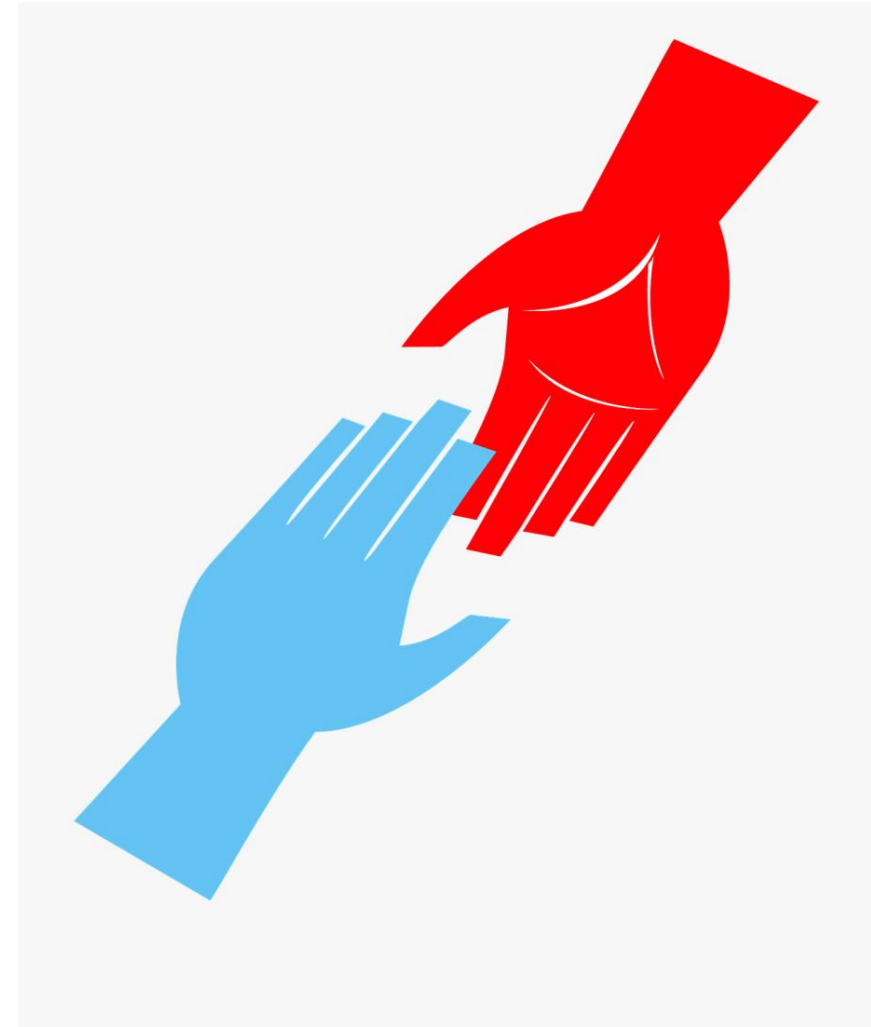
In order for Y8 to have successful year they should:

- Enjoy being able to access all subjects- find out what you are passionate about.
- Make the most of not having to make big choices this year. (GCSE options next year)!
- Attend at least one extra curricular club on a regular basis.



How can you help your child to achieve their full potential?

- Provide a quiet, dedicated space if possible at home for homework to take place. If this is not possible, encourage the use of a homework club (on Monday-Thursday).
- Encourage your child to talk to you about their school day.
- Continue to support your child's teachers.
- Encourage your child to attend at least one extra-curricular activity.
- Keep on being amazing! They wouldn't be who they are today without you.





Equipment required.

- School diary
- 3 lead pencils (B, HB, 2H)
- Black or dark blue pen for writing
- Glue stick
- Ballpoint pen (purple).
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator casio FX-83GTX
- Highlighters
- Reading book
- Non-shatter ruler
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- Eraser
- Box of 12 coloured pencils
- Clear pencil case
- Clear refillable water bottle
- Small pair of scissors

In order for your child to be as successful as possible in lessons, they will need this equipment every day.

Year 8- A summary.

- Big step up in terms of curriculum.
- Students will be making their GCSE choices by January in Year 9.
- Subjects should be more challenging.
- Keep up not catch up.
- Maintain the momentum you had in Year 7.
- Enjoy all subjects! Build the relationships.
Enjoy it all!



**Knowledge,
Determination,
Love**



Key dates.

- Wednesday 23rd September- Early closure at 12.10
- Wednesday 30th September- Life skills company.
- Monday 26th October-Friday 6th November- ½ term (2 weeks).
- Monday 7th December- Grade collection.
- Thursday 17th December-Sunday 3rd June- Christmas Holidays.
- Wednesday 27th January- Parents evening.
- Monday 8th March-12th March- Assessment week.
- Monday 22nd March- Grade collection.
- Thursday 1st April-18th April- Easter Holidays.
- Thursday 13th May- Extra curricular day.
- Monday 31st May-6th June- ½ term.
- Monday 14th June-Friday 25th June- Exams week.
- Monday 5th July- Grade collection.
- Thursday 8th July- HPV Vaccine.
- Friday 9th July- Sports day.
- Friday 16th July- Early closure- last day!

As we are sure you can appreciate, some of these dates may change through the year. We will inform you of any changes made.

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