

23rd November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

### Year 8 Newsletter

I am writing to give you an update on everything which is going on in Year 8. It is incredibly busy as we try to keep everyone safe and adapt to new ways of working but there are plenty of good news stories to report!

#### Return to School

On behalf of staff at De Warenne Academy I would like to thank you for your support in the new way in which we operate. Year 8 arrive at 8.45am via student services and must wear a face mask while moving around the academy. Once in the academy students remain in year group bubbles throughout the day. Year 8 have been great at following the guidance and remaining in their bubble.

#### 100% Attendance

Despite the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic many Year 8 students managed to attend school every day during half term 1. For this they were rewarded with a celebration event involving a picture booth, party games and snacks.



#### Hegarty maths and GCSEPod success

All students are directed to Hegarty maths and GCSEPod homework on a weekly basis – please encourage them to log on and complete it. Students who completed the most Hegarty maths tasks and watched the most GCSEPods (short revision clips) during half term 1 were rewarded with breakfast bagels at breaktime. Well done to all of you who are putting in the effort at home!

## Pledges

Mr Hines has launched the Year 8 Pledges programme. Students have been set a target of completing eight challenges to earn blazer badges and a ticket to an end of year graduation party. Please check your child's pledge passport to see their progression. It's a great way to gain those all-important life skills which will put them in good stead for the future.

**Pledge 1 - Represent the academy in a sporting, cultural, or social event**



**Pledge 3 - Regularly attend afterschool enrichment**



**Pledge 2 - Participate in a fundraising event**



**Pledge 4 - Be involved with a community experience**



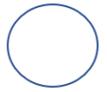
**Pledge 5 - Take part in a formal presentation**



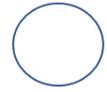
**Pledge 7 - Regularly offer help to staff within the academy**



**Pledge 6 - Help with the sustainability of the academy**

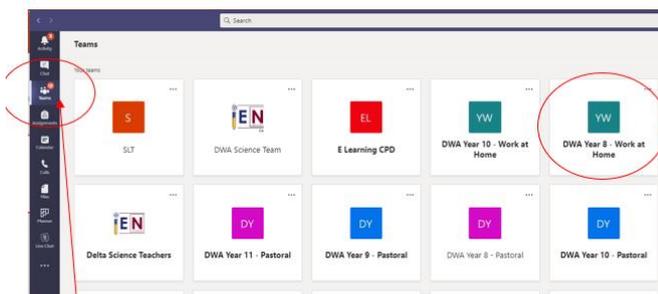


**Pledge 8 - Consistently show kindness and courtesy**

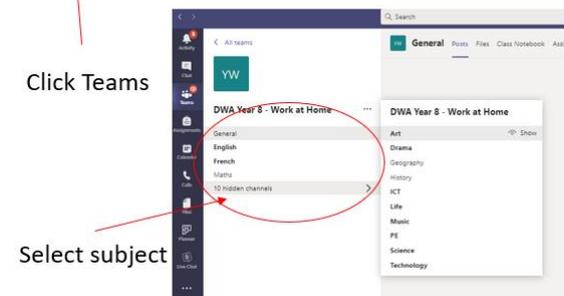


## December KS3 Assessments

During December all students will sit assessments, the grades and efforts of which will be reported to parents in the new year. Please ensure that your child is regularly using their knowledge organiser to study key content. We have also made study materials accessible on Microsoft Teams – see the guide below.

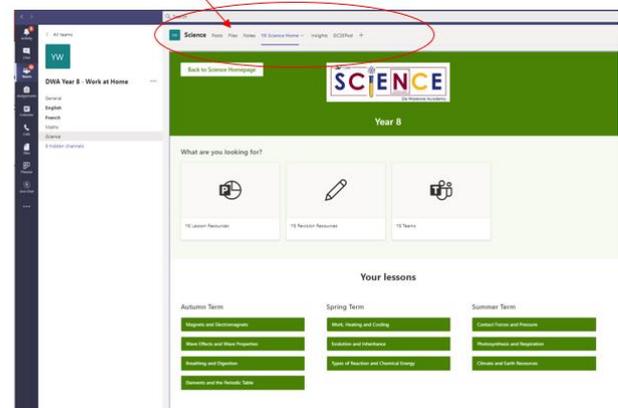


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## PROUD Thursday



Each week students who have produced amazing work in their lessons are given a beautiful work sticker which is stuck on that page. They are then able to show the senior leadership team their efforts at lunch time for

which they are praised and rewarded with treats. Well done to all Year 8 students who have created the amazing work we have been privileged to see!



## School Council

Mrs Nadin, Year 10 Learning Manager, has set up a new Academy council to help with staff interviews, charity fundraising and ensuring students' ideas are discussed with the senior leadership team. Year 8 students are planning and organising events in the run up to Christmas that will raise funds for The Children's Air Ambulance. Year 8 were also involved in The Poppy Appeal collection which raised over £220 for The British Legion.

## Accelerated Reader



Year 8 students participating in Doncaster's reading initiative called 'Reading Rampage' have demonstrated some excellent progress. Students are reading "A Little Secret" by Ann Evans which is a thriller based on a long-forgotten family secret.



I wish students the best of luck for their upcoming assessments and hope you have joyful Christmas break once we get there!

Kind Regards

**Mr J Mehat**  
**Assistant Principal,**  
**Senior Leadership Team Lead for Year 8**