



Joseph Swan Academy

21st May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the final half term of the academic year for 2017/18, I would like to once again thank you for all of your support. We still have a busy half-term to come, with lots of events to look forward to.

Attendance remains a key focus within Year 8 and the Tutor Group weekly challenge continues. It is pleasing to see so many students pushing to earn those extra points and keep their tutor group's attendance above 95%. This half term 8KH, 8NB, 8SG, 8CHS, 8CM, 8DA, 8BR and 8AL have all consistently achieved their attendance targets.

Staying on the attendance theme we currently have 97 students who have achieved 100% so far this term, 32 of those have had 100% attendance since September. This is a fantastic achievement, well done to those students. It is very important that students attend every day and ensure that they do not miss out on important learning time.

Throughout this half-term we have been running a Connect4 Tutor Group competition, this was something the students really bought in to and was keenly contested. Tutor Group champions were decided before they all went head to head to produce the Year Group champion.

A Royal Wedding Street Party was held on Friday 18th May and top points holders, as well as students that consistently display outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning were invited. The students thoroughly enjoyed this and were all keen to have their photographs taken with the happy (cardboard) couple.

The Year 8 Progress Evening is on Monday 4th June. This is the first day back after half-term. Students have received their appointment slips and are in the process of arranging these appointments with tutors. It is an excellent opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teachers and get further information about their progress in Year 8.

There will be a number of events that students will participate in next half term; these will include the Year Group day in July and The Joseph Swan All Together Games, which is always a favourite with students. Further information will be sent out closer to the time regarding these events.

Yours faithfully

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