Welcome to Year 8



June 2020

Dear Parent,

As you are aware your child will be transitioning into Year 8 and this is an opportune time to give you information about the changes your child will experience. Your child's tutor will be and they will be in 8.

In Year 8

Pupils will go through the Options process – this means that they will be asked to select subjects that they would like to do at GCSE level in Year 9. This will start in December and will be completed by February. Pupils are given a huge amount of support with this by:

• An opportunity to meet with college staff who will visit Oakfield Academy to deliver taster lessons in their subjects

• An invitation to options evening at college. This will involve talks and the chance to go and visit all the different subject areas

• There is also the opportunity for you to discuss options choices with individual subject teachers at Year 8 parents evening here at Oakfield in January

· College staff who will also be present at the Year 8 parents evening

The schedule for all of this will be confirmed at a later date. But it is also advisable to look at the Frome College website which is regularly updated with information about the process. This may also help you to answer any questions that you have. Oakfield Academy will also keep you informed of any relevant dates via letters and our website.

A group of pupils will be given the additional responsibility of being a Prefect. They will be expected to help with different activities such as visitor tours and also to undertake a small amount of duties around the school. There will be the opportunity to apply for the position of prefect. Further details will follow.

On the penultimate day of the year, we traditionally visit Thorpe Park as a final reward and farewell.

For further information please refer to our website which is updated regularly or contact your child's tutor. From September you can contact me on the following email address <u>uear8@oakfieldacademy.org</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Gardner, Head of Year Eight



