

## Year 8 Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we finish our first fortnight of the Summer Term. The year group has made an excellent start back to school, consistently demonstrating their keenness to learn and succeed in their lessons. We are very proud of the resilience and positive attitude to learning that they continue to show and are very much looking forward to celebrating some great exam results at the end of term.



It has been quite a whirlwind since we returned, with our Year 8 students spending time learning about the Year 8 Options process and thinking carefully about what they want to study at GCSE and considering the possible careers paths they may want to take in the future. Students have had the opportunity to read through the options booklet, watched an assembly about the options process from Mr Elstone and have had a tutor time specifically focused on how to go about choosing their options. Additionally, we encourage all our students to watch the Options Evening video that was made available on the website yesterday.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

**Ms Kelly-Smith, Mrs Oladokun, Mrs Newman and the Year 8 Team**

### Year 8 Options

A reminder that all information pertaining to the Year 8 Options process, including the options booklet and a list of key dates is on the school website ( <https://www.chsg.org.uk/page/?title=Year+8+Options+2021&pid=610> ) and, from 29<sup>th</sup> April, the pre-recorded Options Evening presentations will also be on there. From the 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Options form will be available on this part of our website, to allow students to make and submit their choices.



If you or your daughter has any queries/questions about whether they are suitable for a subject then please email the subject teacher directly or the Head of Department (if the subject is not studied in Year 8). All staff emails are listed on the staff directory on our website:

<https://www.chsg.org.uk/page/?title=STAFF+DIRECTORY&pid=592>

If you or your daughter has a more general question about what is covered in a subject at GCSE and the booklet and the Options Evening video hasn't answered that question - then please email the Head of Department for that subject directly.

A reminder that if a student has been selected for triple science, they only have 3 further options choices remaining. If you have any further queries about triple science then please contact Mrs McCready, Director of Science, by email: [hmccready@carshaltongirls.org.uk](mailto:hmccready@carshaltongirls.org.uk)

If you or your daughter are confused about how the choices work then please look through the tutor time powerpoint set on Showmyhomework for all Year 8 students on 29<sup>th</sup> April. If, after looking through this, you still have queries- please contact your daughter's form tutor in the first instance.

### **Golden Tickets**

Big congratulations to the following students for achieving the most Golden Tickets in their lessons last week! Keep up your excellent work! Well done to all our students who won one or two Golden Tickets last week also.



**Flavia 8RD2**  
**Sagana 8RW2**  
**Afua 8HL1**

### **Lateral Flow Test Kits- how to request more**

If your daughter was tested in school in the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> March then you are entitled to receive further lateral flow test kits through school.



We are currently still awaiting our next delivery of test kits, however once it arrives then lateral flow test kits will be given out once a week during tutor time.

If your daughter requires further test kits please email the **school office:** [office@chsg.org.uk](mailto:office@chsg.org.uk) We are aware previous correspondence about this said to email the Head of Year, however this has now changed and emails need to go to the school office.

If your daughter isn't eligible to receive test kits through school, or you have run out and cannot wait for the school's delivery to arrive, then you can still order test kits through the community testing schemes. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

## Uniform reminders

As the weather has become significantly warmer, we are sending you this reminder as to how our uniform policy should be applied correctly.

It is worth highlighting the following.

- Sunglasses are not permitted in school.
- The Blazer must be always worn.
- The school jumper is optional and can be left at home if your daughter wishes.
- Only religious necklaces should be worn. These must be out of sight, inside a jumper or blouse.

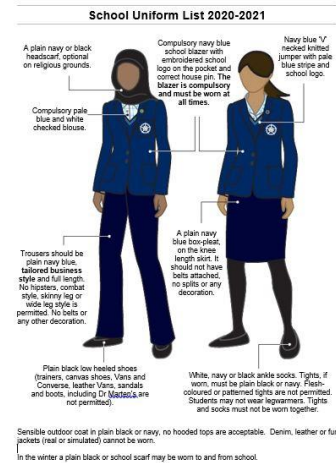
Staff members continue to check the pupil's uniform in the tutor group line-ups from and you should expect your daughter's teachers to check at the start of their lessons as well.

The policy also states that we will confiscate items such as scarves, coats, headwear and sunglasses and they will be kept safe with the Head teacher's PA until collected by a parent. Jewellery that is confiscated is handed back to the students at the end of every half term by the Heads of Year.

Most of our students conform to all aspects of our policy and we are immensely proud of the way that they represent our school both in the community and on the school site. We hope that this gives you as a parent/carer clarity as to our expectations and thank you for your support in this matter.

## Dates for your diary

- Year 8 Exams will take place in the first week back after half-term from **7<sup>th</sup> June**. More information about what students need to be revising will be shared with students by their subject teachers in lessons over the next few weeks.
- The Year 8 Parents' Evening has been rescheduled to **30<sup>th</sup> June**. More information about how to book appointments and how the evening will run will be sent to parents/carers by the start of next half-term.



- A date has been scheduled for **6<sup>th</sup> July** for Year 8's to receive their first dose of the HPV vaccination in school. A consent form will be sent home to parents/carers nearer the time.