

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the Spring term I, along with the Year 8 Form Tutors, would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to ensure that your child makes the most of their educational experience at Ruskin Community High School.

I would firstly like to thank all the parents and carers that attended the Year 8 Parents and Options Evening on Thursday 9th March. It was fantastic to see so many people at the evening and I hope you gathered the information required to support your child in completing their options for GCSE. The final lists for options will be completed shortly into the Summer Term and we will be discussing this with your child in due course.

The main focus this half term for Year 8 students, has been homework. This has included making sure it is written down correctly (the subject, the task and the dates it's due), making sure homework is completed on time and also to the best possible standard. For the majority of our Year 8 students, this is something that they make sure of every lesson. For some though, it is something they need to continue to work on. I would appreciate your support by checking your child's planner a couple of times a week to ensure homework is being completed. Me and your child's Form Tutor will continue to closely monitor homework in the year group.

The Year 8 students have continued to show their enthusiasm for extra curricular activities, with a number taking part in sporting, dance and music activities and also attending Science and Art Club. A number of our students will be performing at the Crewe Lyceum Theatre on the last week of term for both dance and music events. Some of the students also went to Liverpool Empire Theatre on Monday 12th March to watch the musical Wicked. Please see our school newsletter, Facebook page and Twitter account (@RuskinHigh) to keep up with all of the latest news and success stories here at Ruskin.

During the summer term there are several key dates and events relating to you and your child:

- **Year 8 Examination weeks (W/B Monday 21st May for Core subjects, W/B Monday 18th June for all other subjects)** – The exam weeks will provide experience and preparation for their GCSE examinations. Students will receive advice and guidance in relation to how to revise effectively. I hope to see the students use this opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt during the academic year.
- The final set of **Year 8 Short Reports issued to parents/carers Monday 9th July 2018** - The report will contain information regarding subject level of attainment and effort, reflecting on the exams taken by students and classwork. I hope that you are able to take the time to discuss this report with your child. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact the school office to speak to your child's form tutor.



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I would like to congratulate those Year 8 students who have worked extremely hard this term and embraced all the opportunities given to them here at Ruskin. Students must ensure they come back after the Easter break ready to learn, with the correct uniform and haircut, the equipment required for all lessons and all homework completed. I hope that you all enjoy the coming Easter break and that your child looks forward to returning prepared and organised for the summer term.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely

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