8 March 2024

Letter to All Year 8 Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Written Report and Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11 April 2024

I am pleased to announce that your son/daughter's Year 8 Written Report is now available on the My Child at School (MCAS) parent portal under 'Reports and Correspondence' which can be accessed here: https://www.mychildatschool.com. If you do not have access to MCAS, please contact mcas@deerparkschool.net so we can help as necessary.

This report forms part of our new reporting cycle in Key Stage 3. Moving forwards, you will receive termly 'live' subject assessments on MCAS as part of the new reporting system, so please check in with MCAS for new subject data at the end of every term.

The Year 8 Written Report is your son/daughter's full report for this year, ahead of our Year 8 pupils 'moving up' to Year 9 from Tuesday 4 June 2024. The report includes the results of each subject's whole cohort assessments which have taken place from the start of Year 8 and the Year Group average for each assessment. Additionally, teachers have provided summative comments on your son/daughter's progress as well as next step guidance in each subject area. The report also has feedback about effort. Grades for effort are shown as EX (Excellent), GO (Good), IN (Inconsistent) and CFC (Cause for Concern).

For information, a copy of this letter will appear on MCAS under 'Important Documents' alongside a summary of the curriculum content for Year 8 in each subject. This 'Important Documents' section is not available via the MCAS App, which has reduced functionality, so the letter and curriculum summary will also appear on our school website.

We would be very grateful if you could talk to your son/daughter about his/her progress and reflect on his/her strengths. His/her teachers will continue to provide advice and guidance, further challenge and support in forthcoming lessons and as he/she moves into Year 9.

Additionally, we invite you to attend our **Year 8 Parents'/Subject Teacher Evening which will be held 'in person' at the school on Thursday 11 April 2024**, the first week back after the Easter break. During the evening you will have an opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress with his/her teachers.

Appointments will be available between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. The system allows you to easily choose your own appointment time with your son/daughter's teachers. Additionally, you will receive an email confirming your appointment times and the location. The booking system will open at 7pm on Friday 22 March 2024, which is the last day of term and will close at midnight on Wednesday 10 April 2024. Should you wish to make any changes or cancel your appointment after this date, please contact the Pastoral office. We suggest you set a reminder for 22 March 2024 to book your appointments but we will provide further reminders via the newsletter.

Please visit <u>https://cirencesterdeerpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk</u> to book your appointments. All you need to log in is the following information: Your name; Pupil's first name; Pupil's surname; Pupil's date of birth. If you do not have access to the internet, or have any difficulty logging in to the system please contact the Pastoral Office or email <u>enquiries@deerparkschool.net</u>.

As you will appreciate, some teachers have more than one Year 8 class and may therefore find it difficult to see all parents. If you are not able to see a particular teacher, your child may take round a form on which a comment can be made or you can contact the teacher directly by email. Email addresses can be found on our school website at www.deerparkschool.net.

Yours sincerely

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