

**Parents/Carers of Year 8 Students**

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 students will be taking part in the first Personal Development Day of the academic year. The day focuses on providing the students with the opportunity to further their educational experience, explore learning complementary to their formal curriculum and encourage students' personal development both in and outside of the Academy.

Across the year we have monthly themes we are encouraging students to embody and the Personal Development Days are an opportunity to embed this further. The themes that surround this first Personal Development Day are Responsibility, Confidence and Commemoration.

On this first Development Day Year 8 will be focused on the theme of commemoration through a History day being led by the Humanities team. This was a highly successful event last year with our Year 8 students and we are confident that it will be an engaging and enlightening day for students. Students are expected to arrive in their full Academy uniform and the timings of the Academy day will remain the same as usual for students; however, they will be required to start their day in the main hall during tutor time. Students will be placed in their groups for the day and remain in these groups throughout the day. The sessions will run on a carousel throughout the day so that all students access each of the sessions throughout the day.

We look forward to sharing the success of the day with you and we are confident the students will have a reflective and interesting day.

Yours sincerely



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