

# Gordano Learning

## Year 8 Newsletter 1

Director of Key Stage 3

### A STRONG START TO THE YEAR

It has been a pleasure to visit Year 8 lessons and speak with students about the work they are doing. Year 8 students have been getting to grips with some challenging topics, among which are probability, algebra, gothic literature, chemical reactions, the digestive system, the solar system, glaciers, the British Empire, Buddhism and portrait painting.

Year 8 continues to lead the way in terms of merits awarded. Over 50,000 merits have now been awarded to students in Year 8, a higher number than any other year group, with a 19-1 ratio of merits to sanctions. It is very encouraging to see Year 8 students making such a strong start to the academic year and we hope they will maintain their excellent attitudes to learning throughout the remainder of the year.

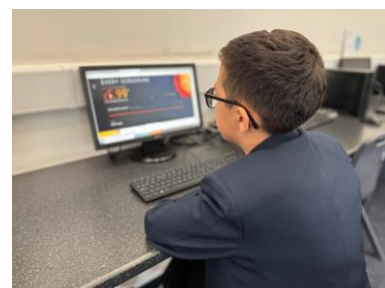


### DIGITAL DAY

A number of Year 8 students took part in our recent Digital Day, creating a digital marketing campaign as part of a challenge set up by Vue cinemas. One of the students involved said: 'I loved the creative challenges; they were really engaging and made us think about things from different perspectives. I really enjoyed working as part of a team and presenting our ideas to the design experts. And the best thing of all - my team won the challenge!'

### YEAR 8 PROGRESS EVENING

The Year 8 Progress Evening takes place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet online with your child's teachers in a variety of different subjects. The focus of this evening will be on academic achievement and progress after the first three months of the school year. Please note that this evening is separate from the Guided Choices process for Key Stage 4 courses that will take place later in the school year; that will be the time for discussions around GCSE and other Key Stage 4 courses your child may wish to follow and you will be invited into school to speak with teachers in March 2024.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd November  
Thursday 23rd November  
Tues 12th/Wed 13th December  
Wednesday 13th December  
Wednesday 20th December

INSET Day for staff: school closed to students  
Year 8 Progress Evening  
Christmas Concerts  
Christmas lunch  
Last day of term

Dream  
Big

Do Your  
Best

Give  
Back