

# YEAR 8 NEWS LETTER

## Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

A **HUGE** hello to you all! I hope that this message finds you and your families well.

As we hop towards the end of this term, and spring into our final term, if the effort and drive with which our Year 8 have shown already this year is anything to go by, I am confident that every student will do themselves proud. With us all working together including yourselves as parents/carers, hopefully our students in Year 8 will continue to uphold the school values and have high levels of purpose and motivation.

I wanted to say thank you to everyone who attended the Year 8 subject evening and Pathways Information event recently. I have received some very positive feedback and encouraging comments. It was especially positive to have the opportunity to speak with parents/carers and acknowledge all the good within the year group.

Things look very optimistic and exciting for Year 8 moving through the Pathways process so thank you all for contributing towards this.

Some key dates and information for Year 8 next term (information will follow):

- **Year 8 Pathways Interviews begin week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**
- **Window for Year 8 Pathways forms to be completed online: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**
- **Internal finalisation of choices + communication sent home: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**



Some successes and achievements to celebrate within the Year group:

Congratulations go out to **Oscar Overall** and **Pijus Asaciovas**, who back in January competed in the **First Lego League tournament**. The students had been busy working after school since September, working together, building and programming a robot and researching a sustainable energy project to compete in the annual Lego league tournament. The lads reached the semi-finals of the robot tournament and won the prestigious award for best project. (The Lego trophy is now pride of place in the KSCS trophy cabinet in school!)



I'm looking forward to what these two, alongside other students, can do next year. Huge congratulations also go out to **Frankie Parnell** who back in February represented England in an **International Ice Hockey competition in Quebec, Canada**. Frankie spent two weeks competing against teams from all over the world



in the annual **Pee Wee Championships**. He stayed with a family, attended training camps and his England team successfully reached the **Semi-Finals** where they came **third to Kazakhstan** who went on to win the competition. Very well-done Frankie and what an experience.

On behalf of all the Year 8 Team, and KSCS I would like to thank you and say I hope we can continue to all work together, supporting every student be the best possible version of themselves they can be.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a cracking holiday and best wishes to you all.

**Mr Housley**  
Head of Year 8

