

# Year 8 Weekly Bulletin



## Autumn term – 2020

### Thought of the week

‘Success is the sum of all efforts, repeated day in, day out.’

(Robert Collier- American author)



### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the sixth Year 8 bulletin.

Year 8 have had another fantastic start to Autumn 2 term, we are extremely excited to see the students back after the half term break, learning in lessons and working hard. As you will see in the rewards section, we have launched another weekly competition linked to rewards points and this has caused a huge buzz around the year group!

In the 1<sup>st</sup> part of this bulletin, I would like to share with you some messages from the tutor reps. I will then be sharing some of the rewards figures and then finally share with you some of the other news from Y8.

Maintain your hard work and you will be a success.

### What our tutor rep's have to say:

Well what a half term! Unfortunately, lots of us have not been able to do the things that we love at the moment because of self-isolating or the second lockdown, but here's some of the great things we have been up to despite this!

Maisie achieved her yellow Kickboxing belt and is now well on her way to gaining her orange! Joshua and me are excited to get back to scouts after lockdown, we actually stood outside our homes as part of the scouts to honour the 2 minutes silence.

Lots of us have been exercising over the lockdown, including Summer and Lilly who have been biking over the chase! Liam has been keeping the deer fed by popping over and leaving some deer friendly food for them! Some of our tutor like different sports, Libby has also been using her trampoline and Keira has been Skateboarding around her streets.

We also have a love for animals in our tutor group and they have kept us going through lockdown. If you go around local fields, watch out for Ella who has been horse riding – she can jump with her horse, which is difficult! Lots of us have dogs, Vinny has been walking his a lot and Liles pet Labrador has had some puppies so she has been busy looking after them.

Most importantly, our tutor group all enjoyed creating our anti bullying pledges to show our support for keeping our school safe and friendly. We were proud of Shannon who even made a rap as part of the school competition!

We hope you have all had a lovely half term – Katelyn Palmer and Joshua Churchill J

We have all found it nice to come back and socialise with friends but also get back to a 'normal' routine. The lessons have been enjoyable and fun to come back to and the teachers have been amazing in supporting us with our learning, after such a long time out of the academy.

The class enjoyed home learning, but did not find it as pleasurable as actually being back in the academy.

Have a great half term - Danielle and Cody

I feel that this half term, I have been able to settle back in nicely and have learnt a lot. The lessons have been fun and engaging – We are happy to be back. Lessons have been great - they have been creative, engaging and fun!

Jack & Lacey – 8Blue

This term has been incredible and being back at school has helped me to appreciate the education I we are being given. My favourite lesson is PE (Jayden). The teachers have been supportive and extremely kind.

Jayden & Lexi – 8Green

In science, we have learnt about magnetic forces and we have found science very interesting. The lessons have been fun and the class teachers have supported us (a lot). Within tutor time and for the academy anti-bullying campaign, we wrote a one-sentence pledge. The pledges were then taken and converted into a video. We look forward to seeing the video go live.

Eva and Leo – 8Yellow

### IN OTHER NEWS:

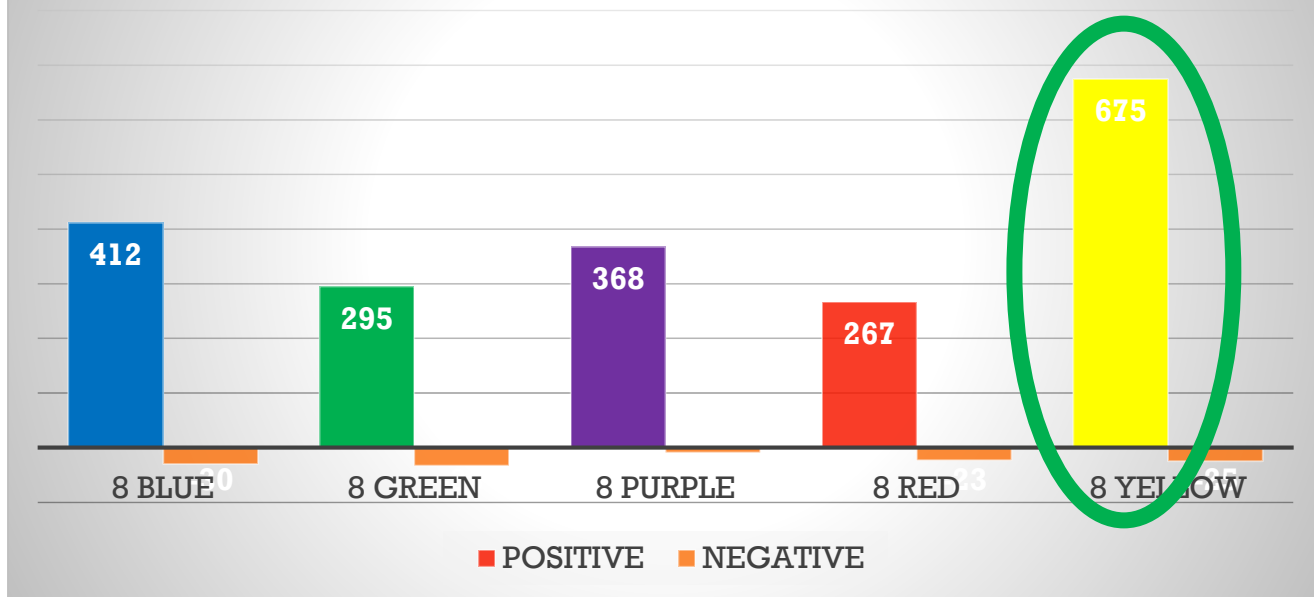
### REWARDS:

#### This half term:

We continue to work on the challenges set for the students, at the start of this term:

- Help more people
- Be kinder to other students
- Be more punctual to lessons
- Hand homework in on time
- Do everything you are asked, 1<sup>st</sup> time of asking
- Use unstructured time to socialise with friends and relax between lessons.

## Tutor points last week



As you can see, 8Yellow took back their place on top spot, this week and obtained the most positive points across the year group. Mr Giles and 8 Red, were extremely upset by this and have vowed to be in 1<sup>st</sup> place (again), next week.

### Face Coverings and Uniform:

Face coverings are now mandatory in the corridors and social areas, across the academy. Students have been shown how to wear their face coverings, correctly and it is now an expectation that they are worn correctly.



There have been a number of students wearing incorrect uniform to school. Students were reminded that they must be wearing the correct uniform to school and that as of next week, students will be sent home at the school gate, to get changed into the correct uniform.

### **Log in from home**

If you need support in accessing your emails, please go to <https://sua.rmunify.com/> and log on using your login credentials:

**Username:** 19(Surname) (Initial of first name)

**Password:** (School login password)

For a step-by-step guide, please take a look at this video created by Mr Churchill

<https://youtu.be/9SF99N4m7uY?t=74>

Instead of clicking the 'MAIL' tab, please click the 'Microsoft Teams' tab and log in.

Remember to keep up to date and follow the academy on social media. We will ensure that all pupils, parents, and families are informed of any decisions and procedures the academy takes regarding Covid-19 or another school news.

### **Reverse advent calendar**

Mrs Jones and the student leadership team have devised a way of supporting the local foodbank at Christmas. Each day (during December), students and staff will bring in items from our list to add to the boxes. All students and staff will only need to bring in one item each on a particular day. We aim collect items to produce a box from every tutor group and department in the academy and be able to distribute them to local foodbanks, in time for Christmas.

### **Children in Need**

Last week the academy raised money for Children in Need, students were encouraged to wear something yellow. There was also a number of cakes that were sold; all proceeds will go to charity.

### **Science challenge:**

The science department have produced a challenge booklet, which links into the learning of the y8 students, from last half term. The booklet is based on the novella of George Orwell's 'Animal Farm' (the book studied by all y8's, in their English lessons).

### **School Games:**

Found within the Y8 team on the platform of 'Teams' are a host of interactive competitions that have been brought to you by the PE department. Please check them out.

**Take care and stay safe**  
**Mr Shepherd**



dannycipriani87 'Vision without action is just a dream, action without vision just passes the time, and vision with action can change the world' 🌟

**“BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU  
EVERYDAY”**