

Year 8 Weekly Bulletin



Autumn term – 2020

Thought of the week

‘You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you can give.’

(Eleanor Roosevelt – American political figure, diplomat and activist)

Key information this week



Welcome back!

It has been such a pleasure to welcome Year 8 into the academy and see so many smiling and happy faces (as well as sparkly new uniforms and shiny shoes). As Head of Year 8 this year, I am looking to provide the students with greater cultural capital, enriched curriculum, and support them to ‘Aspire, Believe, Achieve’. The year group motto of **‘be the best version of you, every day’** is a key concept for our team, and should be followed by all students every day. As a year group, we have already agreed that this year we are going to approach our education with increased vigor and resilience. We are going to create a culture within the year group which is supportive and allows the students to challenge each other’s behaviour, respectfully, and purposefully – that purpose is learning.

With the new term, we welcome back some ‘old’ as well as welcome in some new faces to the Year 8 team. Below, they have each provided you with some information about themselves, for you as students and parents to get to know them a little better.

Microsoft TEAMS

The academy has provided every student in the year group with training on ‘Microsoft Teams’, this is to ensure that all students are fully aware and able to use the cloud-based platform that the academy has adopted. Microsoft is the option that the academy has chosen to support our blended learning approach. Microsoft Teams facilitates instant communication between the academy and students. Please take a look at the platform at home with your child/parent. Students can access this via their academy email.

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

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

Password: (School log-in 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.



Meet the year 8 team!



Hi, I'm Mr Howe and I've been working at SUA for nearly 4 years. I teach catering and DT at the school and enjoy anything creative in and outside the academy. I enjoy most sports, hockey, cricket, and football being my key interests but I'm happy to talk about anything sport-related or other hobbies.

As a form tutor of Year 8 Yellow, I am very proud to have such a wonderful form group this year. We have a form that is full of creative and ambitious minds, all of whom challenge and respect each other's views and differences. It is a pleasure to be part of such a hardworking and respectful form and to be represented by our fantastic form reps Eva Hopkins and Leo Evans.

I look forward to another great year at SUA.



Hello, my name is Mrs Mclean and I have joined SUA this September. I teach geography and love learning new things every day about this amazing world we all live in. I like to visit new places and experience different cultures around the world. I have hobbies that include hiking and walking around local beauty spots. I am a big football fan and watch most games that are aired on TV and when I get the chance I love to go to matches. I am excited to be part of the SUA team and proud to be the form tutor of 8 Blue. Lacey Nagington and Jack Robinson are the tutor reps for 8 Blue and I can't wait to work alongside them to continue to build an inspiring, positive, and respectful group of young adults.



Hi, I'm Mrs Dixon and I'm brand new to SUA! I teach music and will be running choir and supporting school shows. Music plays a big role in my life, and I play in several bands outside of school. I'm also a keen skier, swimmer, and enjoy lots of scenic walks with my spaniel.

I am excited to be 8 Purple's new tutor, I have shared with them how competitive I am and we're working on our first win already. I'm very proud of Katelyn and Joshua for taking up the roles of form reps this year, and it's been wonderful hearing the things my tutees did over lockdown (Maisie walked 80k in 80 days!). I look forward to celebrating all the wonderful things our group will achieve this year.



Hello, I am Mrs Pedley and I teach maths at SUA. I am a keen mathematician and love passing my passion for the subject onto students. During lessons, I encourage deep thought about maths, where we explore together the wonders that maths can do and where it is involved in our everyday lives and beyond. Outside of school, I am very family and friends orientated and spend a lot of time discovering new places to go and visiting parts of the UK. Most of my time is currently taken up by looking after my nearly 1-year-old boy. I am excited this year to have a year 8 tutor to be able to support in building each individuals' character, ensuring well-being is always good and encouraging positivity to ensure the happiness of students is apparent every day at SUA.



Hello, I hope you are all well, I am Mr Giles. Teacher of Physical Education, Y11 Health and Social Care, and maths. I am tutor for 8 Red and help mentor pupils throughout the academic year. My main passion has always been playing and watching sports. I love Football. I play for Heath Hayes on Saturday's and my spare time is always spent with family, friends, and my dogs. I look forward to working with year 8 again this year.



Hi everyone! I'm Miss Hollies and I am the key student support worker for Year 8. I am a part of the Progress Team and you can find us all based in The Progress Hub on the first floor. Whilst you may find me supporting in multiple different lessons, you will normally find me along the English corridor – I love nothing more than thinking critically as it opens up many doors. It allows me to learn a lot about myself and the world around me. I am currently studying a Psychology and Neuroscience degree alongside supporting students here at SUA, so the majority of my spare time is filled with academic study. However, when I do have time for myself, I love trying out new restaurants and different cuisines. As well as this, I enjoy going to the gym, listening to podcasts and most importantly I love to get comfy on the sofa with a good book and a cuppa.

I am super excited to be working with all of Year 8 this year and more enthusiastic than ever to make sure you all have the best year of your school career yet!

