

# Year 8 Weekly Bulletin



## Autumn term – 2020

### Thought of the week

**‘Winners never quit and quitters never win’**

(Vince Lombardi, American Football Coach)

### Key information this week



#### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the third Year 8 bulletin.

In this week’s edition, I would like to share with you some of the excellent statistics that the year group has obtained, as well as allowing our tutor group representatives to provide an update.

As you are aware, some students in our year group are currently isolating at home, however, I would like to ensure that your minds are put to rest. There are zero cases of COVID, currently within Y8. The academy has taken guidance from Public Health England and decided to isolate students and staff who had been in contact with members of the wider academy community, who had tested positive. I would like to thank the students and parents of the students who have remained in the academy, for their support and continued effort to maintain a ‘new normal’. I am extremely proud of how every member of team Y8 has demonstrated their maturity and resilience skills, whilst there have been some external factors, that could have impacted upon them and their learning.

The quotation above epitomises the mind-set that we all must adhere to. We will all be winners if we never quit. We will beat this terrible pandemic if we all continue to follow the guidance that is continually set out by the government. We will succeed in our lives and future pathways if we never quit!

Maintain your hard work and you will be a success.

### A message from our year 8 tutor reps!

Over the last 6 weeks year 8, in catering, have embraced their inner Italian and produced some amazing freshly baked bread products. All year 8's have had the opportunity to create bread from scratch, producing some rustic Italian pizzas this week. They have developed skills such as kneading and proving and have gained scientific knowledge of effective bread making. The proof is in the eating, all pizzas were consumed during their lunch and break with big smiles on all their faces. Bellissimo!

8 Yellow

It’s been a difficult week here at SUA and I’m so proud of 8BI for the resilience they’ve all shown and the commitment to learning I have seen in lessons, despite the challenges being faced by the wider school community.

Positive Points are clocking up steadily this week with over 200 in the last 7 days, alone and many more to come I am sure; 8BI have been performing particularly well in Science and Geography this week, earning plenty of positive points towards our class total. Positive Points leaders this week are: Mikey Oram, Katie Masters and Callum Matthews, well done folks! Keep up the hard work.

8 Blue

In 8 purple, we have enjoyed drama and PE so far this term! In drama, we have been miming Hamlet using masks, and it's been lots of fun to use masks for something fun! In PE, some of us have been doing choreography from the West End musical Matilda, which has been great, especially making a triangle formation in our groups. The boys have been starting to play badminton and tennis and we have enjoyed having fun with our friend's teachers – we can't wait to get back to it.

8 Purple

8 Red are extremely thankful for the teaching staff, again, this week, and how they have been able to continue to teach, throughout this terrible pandemic. We have ensured, as students, that we are maintaining our social distance and washing / sanitising our hands at every opportunity. This has allowed us to enjoy our lessons and continue to learn. We know that some of the other year groups have had to be taught, whilst at home, over teams, which we can imagine is both nerve-wracking and exciting.

We look forward to welcoming the other year groups back into the academy, so we can once again be a complete Team SUA.

8 Red

8 Green has kept it short but sweet, this week.

I am grateful for opening the gates to be able to learn still. It's nice that once at school the day feels normal and lessons are going well and we are learning.

## Other news

I would like to make you aware that we are continuing to actively encourage the students to do well in and around the academy and we celebrate success through assemblies and weekly competitions. Each week, we look at the positive points that have been given to the students in Y8, as well as, awarding 'Scholar of the Week' to two students to have exceeded our expectations or completed a piece of work that has gone above and beyond.

## Scholar of the week

# Scholar of the week

Eden Garry +61



Jayden Jackson +44



As a reward, your tutor will provide you with 50 reward points and a postcard home.

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

SOTW League	
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## Scientists of the week

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**Harry Caton**

**Summer Johnson**

**George Wilkinson**

**Milli Shaughnessy**

**Jack Dunne**

**ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE!**





Excellent science work: Izzy’s science teacher has sent her letter to me, to highlight her excellent work within her science lesson.

Thank you for reading this edition of the Y8 bulletin. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy on [info@suacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@suacademy.co.uk)

Keep safe and be the best version of you, every day!

Letter to the world

24<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Address

Dear World,

I deeply regret to inform you of the destruction taking place in the world right this very second. You may be aware, but the severity is worse than what you can imagine. It starts by saying that we have destroyed this earth, clearly it's plain to see with a simple walk outside. Millions of animals slaughtered as a means to build more houses. Why do you a whole eco-system to benefit you? Choose somewhere where there is no need for that. Old buildings, things we have already owned. But that is only one example. One which seems less gruesome.

What I believe to be worse, so much worse, is that of poaching. For needless reasons. For a trophy. That's disgusting. Killing animals simply to brag about the things you owned from it. Killing for the sake of killing. Oh for money. Why do you need to kill something in such a brutal way for the sake of money? It is that your greed overruled your twisted sense of morals? You earn nothing, nothing from killing an animal which didn't die for food. I can understand. But for the sake of money? That is utterly disgusting.

That is what brings us to the species at hand. The rhino. It is hunted for the "reward" of ivory. The reward of being able to say you have ripped the horns off of an animal. Simply for money and pride. Is that right? To deserve an animal of a life just so you can say you did it? I think not, and I hope you do not do these species an honouring endangered because of your own selfish greed. I do not wish to describe images of the animals, with their horns brutally severed off. There is no way what poachers are doing is ethical. There is no way.

Ivory sells, on average, £200 an OUNCE. It is a ridiculous amount of money, yes, but you cannot take away the fact that that was shredded from animal, a real life creature. How could you even think of buying something so sacred so inhumane. This illegal trade earns over 1 billion dollars a year. That is a phenomenally large sum of money. But does that make us from the fact that each year 1,000 rhinos are killed each and every year this continues? They may not be human, but that's 1,000 lives lost where it is never, and will never, be needed. Only 27,000 rhinos remain of now. 27,000. That is 27 years, 27 years and they are gone. 27! Those animals are gone. That derives from natural causes. That means that one day just maybe, your child will not be able to see a rhino. Will not live in a time where they exist. Your child. That is one generation it isn't long, it isn't long at all.

You may be thinking why it is so wrong for them to be killed, it's just ivory, right? They can grow it back, surely? No. They can't. And even if they could they wouldn't be able to. They are close to an animal or kill. Not to poach, to kill. Those who aren't killed have to suffer. Endure the pain of their horns being pulled away, cutting into their skull. These poachers do not care about the animals wellbeing. They do not care about the pain they inflict on innocent animals.

I don't know how they have the stomach to do it.

2 of the five species of rhino have less than 60 animals left. Within a year, they could be gone. So that is why you must act now. There are rhino conservation groups up all around Africa, working on helping the rhinos safe. Please, this needs to be done, they need to be saved. There has been an increase in rhino population in the past 10 years, but once again, it is beginning to drop. If you can

donate, please do so. If not, support local wildlife. Leave out bird boxes. Look after the environment. Leave the litter in your bag. Don't let this happen to other animals too. Thank you for reading.

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