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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for your support in attending review day with your son. It makes our role as teachers much easier knowing that together with you, we are actively promoting the same high standards and values.

As Year 8 is a crucial year in terms of laying and indeed for most students, consolidating the foundations of good study habits, I would like to take this opportunity to offer some advice on how you can continue to support and encourage your son throughout this academic year. Firstly, ensuring that your son completes homework not only supports his learning in school, but it will also support him in developing independent learning skills which will benefit him throughout and beyond his school life. You can now find this year's homework timetables for each year group on the home page of the school website.

Regular revision promotes confidence and security in learning. Ideally, your son should be using the Sam Learning and BBC Bite size websites on a regular basis; some departments also recommend other specific websites to support teaching and learning, e.g. mymaths. There are many revision booklets available for Key Stage 3 which may also support your son. He could also spend some time reading over, making notes on and carrying out extra research on the topics that he is studying. Regardless of the method of regular revision, the importance lies in establishing good habits this year.

Most of you are aware that I will be commencing maternity leave tomorrow and I am pleased to inform you that Miss N Donaghy will be covering in the position of Acting Head of Year 8 until I return later in the year. We are working, both together and with the rest of the pastoral team, to ensure a smooth transition whereby your son will continue to benefit from a high standard of pastoral care.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your sons an enjoyable and successful academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Wyke
Head of Year 8