



# Head of Year 8 Newsletter

## Christmas Term: December 2025

From Mrs Babb, Head of Year 8

### Year 8 Options

There will be an Options Assembly on 13th January, where your young person will receive full information about the process. In brief, they will be choosing subjects from two areas:

#### **Creative Subjects**

Each student will select three subjects from the list below. Each chosen subject will be studied for one period per week throughout the year:

Art – Fine Art

Art – Textiles

Design Technology

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

Music

#### **Languages**

Each student will also choose two languages from the following:

French/ German/ Spanish

### Attendance

**Top Tutor Group:** Angelou - 98.2%!

We always stress the importance of good attendance. We know that there is link between achievement at school and attendance. Some absence is unavoidable, and we appreciate that this is the season of coughs and colds, but it is imperative that your young people are in school whenever they can be.

An amazing 55 students have 100% attendance.

### House Points - Year 8 Standings:

1<sup>st</sup> Roosevelt: 797

2<sup>nd</sup> Galileo: 733

3<sup>rd</sup> Angelou: 693

A special congratulations to Hannah W in 8R for the most individual house points so far this term.

### What's Coming Up?

**5 January: Return to school**

**13 January: Options assembly**

**13 January: Year 8 Parents Evening**

**13 February: End of term/non uniform day**

**25 February: Options deadline**

Merry  
Christmas  
— AND —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Year 8 Art

I was delighted to accompany a Year 8 class into Clitheroe as part of their current art project. We had a wonderful afternoon exploring the town, where students sketched a range of local landmarks and buildings, including the Sixth Form centre.

Here are some of the students' ideas brought to life in clay — truly impressive work!



### Final Note

As we head towards the Christmas holidays, I want to recognise what a positive and hard-working term Year 8 has had. Our students have shown commitment, kindness, and resilience throughout the past few months, and it has been a pleasure to see them supporting each other and approaching new challenges with maturity.

With the break approaching, I hope everyone is able to find some time to rest and recharge in whatever way suits them best. For some, this season is full of celebration; for others, it can be a more complicated time. However you are spending the holidays, I wish you moments of calm, connection, and wellbeing.

If you have any questions, concerns, or updates you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, ready for all that the next term will bring.

Mrs Babb

### Online Safety Newsletter

We wanted to share with you our most recent Online Safety Newsletter, which contains valuable information and tips to help support your child's digital well-being

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