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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted with the manner in which Year 8 have started their second year with us. They have approached the start of this year with excitement and enthusiasm and a clear determination to do well.

Year 8 is important. Students have managed the transition from primary school and established new friendships. They have started to develop new skills and are learning new ideas and behaviours. During this year they'll need to establish the study habits and love of learning that will see them through to their GCSEs and beyond.

It is important that they continue to approach the year in a positive manner. As always, the form tutors and I have high expectations of the year group and I would like to ask for your continued support in this. Please ensure that your son/daughter attends school on time and in the correct uniform and brings all necessary equipment.

We strongly believe that the time spent at school isn't just about the subject lessons and we will be encouraging your child to attend our extensive [co-curricular programme](#) and to make the most of the opportunities that are available to them either through joining clubs and groups or by volunteering as representatives within their year groups. Please take time to look through the co-curricular programme at home and encourage your child to try out any they are interested in.

All of the key dates for the year can be found on the school calendar using the following link: <https://www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk/calendar/> and I ask that you take the time to check these to see the important dates for Year 8. Our residential trip this year will take place from 25th to 27th June 2026 to Land & Wave; more details will follow later in the year. Another one for the diaries is Friday 9th October which will be a late start for students. They need to be onsite for 9:15am and go straight to period 1.

Please note all the school information regarding homework, absence reporting, uniform and mobile phone rules, etc can be found on the school website – www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk

I would like to remind about the Welcome to Year 8 Information Evening on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 6pm, where we will outline some of the key features of our Year 8 curriculum. To book your place(s), please register your details [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Macfarlane
Head of Year 8