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Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 8,

We would like to welcome you all back to the Spring term. As we reflect on the end of yet another term, it fills me with immense pride and joy to witness the remarkable achievements and successes of our Year 8 community. With unwavering dedication, collaborative effort, and a commitment to excellence, we have achieved remarkable accomplishments that deserve celebration.

From academic triumphs to creative endeavours, athletic achievements to personal growth, the past term has been a testament to the hard work and resilience of each member of our school community. In the following pages, I invite you to join me in celebrating the myriad accomplishments of our Year 8 community over the last term.

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### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Evidence shows that students who attend school more regularly and who are punctual are more successful and secure better outcomes. Students who have 96-100% attendance miss less learning time and are much more able to achieve their full potential. Please ensure your child is meeting our attendance expectations and that they arrive at school on time. If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify a member of your child's pastoral team so that we know they are at home safe, and we do not need to waste valuable time following up unknown absences.

To foster greater enthusiasm and participation among our community, we have implemented an exciting initiative: weekly raffles for 100% attendance for the previous week. Our aim is to cultivate a vibrant school community where every student feels valued and engaged. By attending school regularly, students earn entries into these raffles, providing them with additional motivation to prioritise their education.

## **Opportunities**

### **The Brilliant Club**

The ongoing programme of the Brilliant Club; the programme that consists of 7 university style tutorials with a PhD tutor has come to an end. The students had to produce an extended essay and received individual feedback before celebrating their achievements at a university graduation. We are pleased to announce that we had a lot of Firsts and 2:1's to celebrate in our Year 8 group of Brilliant Club attendees.

A massive well done to Michael C, Israel, Tianne, Xavier, Joshua O, Alexander, Anna, Grace, Martha, and Naraya for being involved in this fantastic opportunity!

### **First Give**

During PSHE sessions, Year 8 have been taking part in a project called First Give. Deptford Green students were given the amazing opportunity to be able to work with First Give which works with supporters and partner schools to inspire young people to make a positive change in society. Our pupils, amongst almost 200,000 other young people have worked to make a difference to thousands of charities across England and Wales.

Year 8 have all worked so hard to produce some amazing projects since January. The dedication and collaborative spirit exhibited by our students in their First Give projects have been truly commendable. With each member contributing their unique skills and perspectives, they have navigated challenges with resilience and creativity. Their hard work, evident in the depth of their research. I was luckily enough to be able to watch the final presentations and they were all excellent.

A massive congratulations to 8y1 who won £1000 from First Give to help them continue with their project initiative. A special shout out to Martha, Iris, Tryphina and Olive who worked hard in the initiative which encouraged students to bring a non-perishable item for the food bank in return for not wearing their blazers. This had a massive impact and lots of items were collected for the food bank.

### **Student Leadership Opportunities**

Well done to Anna, Hepzibah and Efe for their work with the Mental Health Ambassadors. They are making a huge impact with their peers by visiting tutor groups and informing them how to make a Place2Talk lunchtime appointment and even signposting other pupils to trusted adults that they can talk to.

Our students' wellbeing is always at the forefront of what we do through tutor support, the Place2be Counselling Service and The Sanctuary.

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### **Early Achievements**

I want our year group to be the best in the school. I know that our community of Year 8's want to be GREAT, and they work hard every day trying to do this. A special shoutout to the pupils below who currently make up our top 10 for last half term. Well done to Nazila, Nethaya, Julieth, William, Amon, Hepzibah, Maurice, Olive, Albert and Asya!



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### **Musical Achievements**

Our resident Year 8 band is nothing short of phenomenal. With their passion, dedication, and talent, they delivered our best achievement assembly at the end of last half term. They captured the audience and created the best atmosphere we could ever imagine at the end of the school term.

Thank you so much to Orson, Joe, Dylan, and Jos! You were amazing and we cannot wait to see you play again!

### **Sports Achievements**

Throughout the last term, we have celebrated countless sporting achievements. Both the Girls' and Boys' football teams have brought home massive wins. We are very proud of you all, well done Team DG!!

### **Important Dates Coming up this Term**

#### **Parents Evening**

Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Please make sure to book in to meet your children's teachers.

#### **Ice Cream Van**

Last term, as a celebration, pupils had the opportunity to get a free ice cream for their GREAT behaviour and achievements. For the children who were observing Ramadan, the ice cream van will be coming back to school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

#### **Exams**

To help pupils to prepare for GCSEs in Year 11, they will be sitting exams in Science and Geography in the Phoenix Hall. Your exams will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. In pupil's Science and Geography lessons they will be revisiting topics they have learned from across the year to prepare and making revision resources that you can use independently. Quality revision time at home leads to success in assessments.

#### **Sports Day**

Sports day will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow.

#### **End of Year Celebrations**

At the end of this term Year 8 will have an end of term trip. Dates and details to follow.

#### **Safeguarding - Social Media and Getting Home Safely**

As our young people grow up, they will be communicating more and more through social media. This can be a brilliant way of keeping in touch with friends but can also pose risks

which pupils will be learning about in PSHE. I would recommend having honest and open discussions with your child about their use of social media and checking through any conversations or apps that you have concerns about.

Finally, can I take the opportunity to remind you of our expectations of students at the end of the day. We want all our students to get home safely. We therefore have staff on duty until 3.30pm every day. Please remind your child of the importance of leaving school and going straight home and not hanging around the local community.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wild

Head of Year 8