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Year 8 Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of our first half term of the year, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements and progress of our Year 8 students over the past six weeks.

It is fair to say that year 8 students have fully embraced all of the opportunities of a new school year.

We started this term with our Year 6 Open Evening which saw lots of our students volunteer their time to support our departments and share their experiences of year 7 at PCS. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm for their subjects and hear them share this with younger students. This was quickly followed by our milestone celebration for 25 years of PCS. Again, lots of year 8 students volunteered their time to support this celebration with the wider community. Thank you to those of you who supported your children in giving their time, it is very much appreciated.

Year 8 students have attended a range of extracurricular clubs this half term. From Chess Club to Creative Writing Club, Warhammer Club, Art Cub and Code Club, our students are finding a place to develop their passions and interests. Additionally, lots of our students are attending PCS Park Run every Friday morning. Their commitment is impressive and they should be congratulated.

We have been incredibly impressed with the attendance of Sports Clubs too. Year 8 students are attending Football and Netball clubs after school. Some of our students were part of the Under 14 Girls Football team who recently secured a 6-1 victory against Ratton at home. All players played extremely well. Year 8 students have also represented PCS at a recent Cross Country event at Eastbourne Sports Park. All students represented themselves and us extremely well, with one Year 8 student securing first place in their age group.

Looking ahead, our students have embraced ongoing opportunities. Whether they have become student leaders or climate ambassadors, are performing in the winter concert or our production of Beauty and The Beast, we are incredibly proud of how they have begun Year 8 and are excited to see what else they achieve this year.

Finally, a reminder that when we return, students are required to have the Blackout App downloaded onto their phones in accordance with government requirements.

We hope you all have a very restful and enjoyable October Half Term and we look forward to welcoming the students back in November.

Kind regards,

Vikki Powell and Sonia Elliott