



14 September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

### Welcome back to school Year 8

I hope this finds you well after the first two weeks of the academic year. We have been delighted to welcome our wonderful Year 8s back to school and we hope they will take every opportunity to join in with all the brilliant activities we have planned for them in the year ahead.

Attendance is our number one priority and whilst I am delighted that many Year 8 students have achieved 100% attendance over the last nine days, the overall figure for Year 8 attendance is 89.85% which is well below our whole-school attendance target. We know that every day counts to help students lay foundations for future success and to counteract the 'Year 8 dip' so please encourage your child to attend school every single day. As you are aware, our rewards system is based on the collection of stamps which are counted up weekly and can be used to 'buy' rewards like queue jumper tickets or tuck shop vouchers at the end of each term. Students who achieve 100% attendance each week are given tickets to the 100 Club to enter into our prize draw - please remind your child that they need to be in to win! If you have any queries or challenges with attendance please contact school - we are here to help.

We are so pleased by the way students have adapted to our new uniform and our website provides reminders of our uniform expectations. Please ensure your child's name is written on the label on the jumper. I would like to remind all families that we expect every student to carry a bag with them to school where they can put their school planner and equipment including a black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, ruler and calculator as a minimum. It is vital that students bring their own equipment to school to speed up learning and I am grateful for your help in ensuring your child is well equipped for school.

I am keenly aware of the importance of home-school communication to ensure that your child can succeed and we want to work with families to strive for success. I would strongly encourage you to download the Edulink App which gives you a quick method of checking your child's attendance, achievement points, behaviour and timetable, or bookmark the Edulink website address so you can check in on your child's progress. If you have any difficulties with your login, please contact the school office.

Our 'Beyond The 25' programme has already started and students can sign up to a variety of activities including football, badminton, gymnastics, fitness, homework club and more. Please encourage your child to join in with clubs and try something new in 2025! Trips and visits including sports fixtures will start soon so please complete the annual consent form which was emailed to you last week. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

I would like to thank you, as always, for your support as we seek to help your child strive for success at George Pindar School. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

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