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RE: Start of Year – Year 8 Updates

Dear Year 8 Parents & Carers,

As we are at the beginning of a new school year, I am writing to provide you with a range of information which you may find useful for the year ahead. Our Parent & Carer Handbook has been updated and is always a good starting point for many school matters.

Key Contacts

Urmston Grammar aims to work collaboratively with all Parents and Carers in order to provide the best support for every student. Knowing who to contact when issues arise is an important part of this process. Please see below details of some the key contacts for your child's year group:

Mrs S Ryan – Pastoral Leader (Head of Year 8)	sryan@urmstongrammar.org.uk
Mrs J Lattin – KS3 Pastoral Manager	jlattin@urmstongrammar.org.uk
Mr P Roberts – Assistant Head (Pastoral & Safeguarding)	proberts@urmstongrammar.org.uk
Mrs K Bourne - SENDCo	kbourne@urmstongrammar.org.uk

The following are the form tutors for Year 8:

8U	Mrs E McNally
8R	Mrs M Hiller & Mr C Panter
8M	Mrs A Evans
8S	Mr I Hines
8T	Mr J Connell

A full list of all Senior and Middle Leaders are available on our website HERE. Form tutors and any subject teachers can be contacted through office@urmstongrammar.org.uk and these will be directed to the relevant colleague.

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Key Dates

During Year 8 there are a number of events to make you aware of. Information will be sent out regarding many of these closer to the time, however you may wish to make a note of the following dates:

Monday 14th September	School Entrance Exam – no students in school
Tuesday 15th September	School Photographs – Years 7-10 and Year 12
Tuesday 13th October	Year 8 'Learning to Learn' Evening.
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 8 Parents & Carers Evening
Wednesday 16th June	School Open Evening – Y8 Students Involved

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Keeping our young people safe, both in and out of school, is a priority of Urmston Grammar. A range of resources on Online Safety and Student Wellbeing are available on the Parents & Carers tab of the school website. If at any point you have concerns regarding your child's safety or wellbeing, contacting the school directly is always welcome.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

A range of support is available for students who qualify for Pupil Premium funding and/or Free School Meals. Further information on what this support consists of is available HERE. If you believe your child may qualify for Free School Meals but isn't currently a recipient, please use the following Application Form which will be submitted to Trafford.

Curriculum and Independent Learning

Curriculum maps for all subjects are available on our school website HERE. These will give you a good overview of the order of topics that students will encounter in each subject. During the course of this year a range of resources are be developed aimed at helping Parents and Carers to support students to study independently outside of school. These will be shared with you in due course.

I look forward to working with you during the school year. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Ryan
Pastoral Leader Year 8