

14th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Re: Y8 Information Letter

It is another important time for students in Year 8. Thank you for helping with the GCSE Pathways process – Mr Hutson informs me that this was a great success and he is now starting to build a timetable for September. GCSE option choices will be confirmed in due course. Year 8 exams will take place straight after Easter and I will be sending a letter home next week with information about which subjects are on each day. Thanks also to all who attended Parents Evening; I am grateful for all of your feedback and appreciate all the positive comments received. If you do have any issues or suggestions please let us know, it is much easier to sort out concerns early on before they become more complicated.

Pastoral Support

In that vein, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Alison Collier has been appointed to the role of Pastoral Support for the year group and started this week. It is a full time position that involves looking after Year 8 students' pastoral needs. Mrs Collier has been working at Arnewood for over 16 years in SEN, which means she knows most of the year group already and has a lot of experience helping students with a wide range of needs. If there are any issues concerning your son or daughter, you can email me or Mrs Collier (p.emecz@arnewood.hants.sch.uk or ag.collier@arnewood.hants.sch.uk) or telephone and leave a message with reception, and one of us will get back to you.

Little Canada

Mrs Collier will be joining me and the group going to Little Canada at the end of the week. We are all very excited, but I just wanted to remind you about the arrangements for Friday. You will need to bring your son or daughter to the Lymington ferry port by 3:00pm. Students going to the Isle of Wight will miss P5 on Friday, leaving the school at 2:00pm. They will need to be picked up from Lymington at 9:00pm on Sunday. Please check the equipment list sent out. Students will need a sleeping bag and pillow, and often forget to pack a towel. The weather forecast suggests that there might be snow on Sunday. Please be aware that all activities will go ahead whatever the weather, so students must bring plenty of warm clothes and a water-proof coat. Please do let us know right away if you have any questions or concerns about Friday. For those not going, school will finish at the normal time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Emecz
Head of Year 8

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