



St Gregory's Catholic Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

End-of-Term arrangements and Year 8 Yearbook

As the year comes to an end for our Year 8 students, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last year. Our Year 8 students have been a pleasure to work with and we wish them every success for the future.

Year 8 have been keen to commemorate their time at St Gregory's and a small group of students have worked hard to design and create a Yearbook. They have used an online design tool to create the book themselves and this has been printed and published professionally by SPC Yearbooks. It is a high-quality hardback publication full of photographs and memories. There is a profile of every Year 8 student along with class photos, awards, features and messages from tutors and staff. As this is our final year as St Gregory's, a copy of the Yearbook will be presented to each student on Thursday as part of their leaving gift from us.

The arrangements for the end of term are as follows:

- Tuesday Normal lessons
- Wednesday Year 8 Trip to Milton Keynes. Students taking part in the end-of-term trip will leave St Gregory's at 9.15am prompt and will return at 5.45pm. Students who are not taking part in the trip will be expected to be at school in full uniform and they will have a programme of events for the day.
- Thursday St Gregory's Celebration Day.
This a whole-school, whole-day event to commemorate and celebrate our time as St Gregory's. Each year group has been allocated a decade and Year 8 are encouraged to come into school in the style of the 70's.
Lesson 1 will be with usual class teachers and will be themed around one of the decades from St Gregory's history.
Lesson 2 will be the final KS3 assembly, after which Year 8 students will be issued with their Yearbooks. Traditionally, students have also brought in shirts to be signed and have had time to exchange messages and greetings. Students will have an opportunity to sign shirts at break-time and lunchtime. We would request that students do not sign shirts/exchange messages at any other time as this can cause disruption for other students.



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Lesson 3 will be a Year 8 version of St Gregory's Got Talent for the whole school. Lessons 4 & 5 will involve a 'street party' at which students will have a form table and an opportunity to share cakes and nibbles!

Friday

Year 8 Leavers' Service. The whole school will gather for the final Service of the term. This will be at 9.15am. At the Service, we will say 'goodbye' to the Year 8s. Parents/Carers are also welcome to attend this Service. After the Service, there will be a reception for Year 8 students, tutors and parents/carers. There will be tea/coffee/juice and a celebration cake. Year 8 students can come in non-uniform and a 'smart' dress code is appropriate. Year 8 students will be dismissed at 11.00am and parents/carers should make arrangements for them to be collected from school from between 11.00 and 11.15am. Please complete the permission slip below to confirm that your child can leave at 11.00am and return to school by Thursday, 20th July.

In addition, please note the following:

- All school library books **must** be returned before the end of term. Any unreturned books will be chargeable.
- All locker keys should be returned to your child's form teacher at the beginning of the week.
- Any medications held in school for Year 8 students should be collected from the office on the last day of term.

Thank you to you as parents/carers for your continued interest and support over the last year. It has been a pleasure to get to know the students over the last year and I know that they will all go on to be a great success in whatever they choose to do.

With all best wishes

Yours sincerely

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