5th September 2017

**RE: Welcome to Year 8**

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of myself and my team of tutors, I would like to welcome you and your child to Year 8. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to begin your child’s final year at Cranborne Middle School.

This year will be both a challenging and highly-rewarding stage in your child’s education. Their work will be more complex and build upon skills and knowledge learned in previous years. The amount of homework, and the time required to complete it, will increase. We will work with students to ensure they have the skills to independently manage their time, as well as produce work that reflects the best of their ability. These skills are extremely important for all students, however, they are especially important in Year 8 as they are essential preparation for the next stage of their education at upper school. Tutors will check diaries every Tuesday to ensure they are being used correctly. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure it is signed and up-to-date by this time.

There are many extra-curricular activities that run throughout the year that I hope you and your child will support. The year ends with an activities week trip to France, transfer days at upper schools and last, but in no way least, the Year 8 Prom.

Should you have any questions throughout the year, please use your child’s tutor as a first port of call. With my new role as Key Stage 3 Phase Leader as well as Head of PE, I will be ensuring that the chain of communication very much starts with your child’s tutor. Messages can be left with the school office, however, you can contact tutors directly using the following school email addresses:

**TG** **Tutor** **Email**

8CR Miss C. Ryder cryder@cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk

8LH Mrs L. Holmes lholmes@cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk

8MG Mr. M. Garza mgarza@cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk

We will try to respond to all emails in a timely manner, however, I would ask you to please understand that this will depend on the timetable of the teacher.

Let us all look forward to a positive and rewarding year together.

Yours sincerely,

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