



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Our first term of Year 8 is now complete and our students have risen to the increased challenges presented to them, both in class and around school, with outstanding success. This was clearly evident in the number of achievement postcards sent home yesterday. Our students have taken on board our new standards and expectations policy regarding mobile phones, jewellery and makeup, and attendance for the majority is good. We need to ensure this continues and we thank you for your support in upholding this. Our first academic progress reports have now been sent to you and we will be working closely over the next term with those students who, at this point, are not on track to meet their GCSE targets in year 11.

In our morning assembly today we launched the Year 8 graduation programme. Our Year 8 students will begin working through the graduation modules during tutor time next term, which will form part of the graduation programme. We hope to see the majority of our students graduating at our Summer Graduation Celebration event on **Thursday 18 June 2020**. If your child is successful and completes the graduation programme you will be invited to attend this fantastic celebration event. Some of the graduation modules may require your child to complete tasks at home and we ask that you support them in this wherever possible.

A key element of the graduation programme is based around attendance, behaviour and academic achievement and again we ask for your support in ensuring your child's attendance is at, or above, the required level; that homework is completed to a high standard and support is given to our school behaviour policy.

Today's assembly and graduation programme booklet will be available for you to view on our website in due course but should you have any questions, that your child is unable to answer for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am sure you will agree that this is an exciting opportunity for our students to be a part of which will enable them to maximise their learning potential in Year 8 and then celebrate their success in a wonderful way at the end of the school year.

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On Monday 11 November the whole school will be participating in an outdoor memorial assembly for Remembrance Day which will involve our CCF Unit and our Head Boy and Head Girl, who will be laying wreaths. I am sure you will agree this is a great opportunity for our students to reflect on past and current conflict in the world.

Following on from this, on **Tuesday 12 November**, we launch our anti-bullying week and ask that all students come to school on this day in *odd socks*. Whilst as a school, anti-bullying education forms part of our daily teaching, we will have specific events during this week focusing on anti-bullying and the part every child can play in this important issue.

The second half of a busy autumn term commences on Monday 4 November and, with Christmas fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Boyles', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Louise Boyles
Year 8 Achievement Leader