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Enjoyment Achievement Community

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As mentioned at our recent Year 8 Parental Information evening, we are endeavoring to foster a sense of responsibility and pride in progress within our Year 8 students.

Whilst GCSEs are still a couple of years away, we feel it is important to build and embed strong positive learning habits as early on as possible. This will ensure that, when the time comes, our students are as well prepared as they can be.

We are pleased to be able to offer our Year 8 students the opportunity to attend additional learning technique sessions, covering a wide range of topics from effective notetaking to revision skills, as well as subject specific sessions. We are also able to run wellbeing based sessions focusing on dealing with stress, and emotional literacy etc. Overwhelmingly, research shows that students who attend regular, additional intervention sessions make significant progress compared to their peers who do not. The "Extra Mile" club will be after school on **Wednesdays from 15:15-16:15** starting on Wednesday 15th October. It will be based in the library, and it intends to be a productive study space where students can come alone or with peers to complete homework, revise subjects, or practice study techniques. A member of the Year 8 team will be present to support your child with their work.

Students who get buses to school have the opportunity to book on to the late bus, however, please be aware that spaces on this are very limited so, wherever possible, we ask that you make your own arrangements for students to return home after the sessions. Although these sessions are optional, we hope that all students will choose to attend. Please use the attached reply slip to indicate that you give your permission.

If you have any questions, please contact the Head of Year 8, Mark Swain at MSwain@thedeacademy.org

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to ensure success for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Swain
Head of Year 8

The Extra Mile Afterschool Club

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 8 after school sessions.

Student Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:

Parent/Carer

