



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Thursday, 19 December 2013

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 8 December Interim Report 2013**

Please find enclosed your child's first interim report from Nottingham University Samworth Academy. You will see from the report that teachers have assessed your child's effort in lessons, using scores between 5 for 'excellent', and 1 for 'serious concerns'. Some departments have also been able to report a homework score that indicates how often your child has completed their homework and handed it in on time. There is additional information on our school website about the grades and levels that our teachers use on school reports.

The end of the autumn term is a good time to discuss with your child how well they have settled back into school, and how well they think lessons have been going. Pupils should compare their thoughts to the scores awarded by their teachers. If your child is unsure about the reasons for any of their scores, they can talk to their teachers directly, or you can use the feedback box at the bottom of this letter to ask questions.

In January, there will be a new timetable for all pupils, and we will be using the scores and levels on this report to place pupils into teaching groups. Your child's new mentor will also be contacting you to introduce themselves and offer an opportunity for you to ask questions about your child's progress. There will also be a second Open Evening for Parents after the February half term break.

In February, you will receive a further report with teacher comments, which will mark the beginning of our options process, in preparation for September 2014. The academy will be changing its curriculum so that Key Stage 4 starts in Year 9. Therefore, Year 8 pupils will be choosing their GCSEs this academic year. I would like to draw your attention to the date of the Option Information Evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, when you will be able to find out general information about the options process, and speak to your child's teachers.

On a personal level, I would like to convey how delighted I am with the way Year 8 have responded to our re-organisation into a year group, and I am proud of the enormous number of pupils who have had an excellent first term. I hope that your child feels that they have made new friends as well as academic progress, and that they feel comfortable asking their teachers for help.

I look forward to helping your child fulfil their potential in the months and years to come, and seeing them on the first day of the spring term, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Strawson  
Head of Year 8

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**Please complete and return this reply slip to your child's mentor, to acknowledge receipt of their interim report.**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor Group:  
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I have received my child's Year 8 December Interim Report.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

We would welcome any appropriate feedback on this interim report in the space below: