



# Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Autumn Update

As we come to the end of the first half term of Year 8, I firstly want to introduce myself formally to you all as your daughter's new Head of Year. My name is Richard Thorne and I am extremely excited to be working with such a hard-working, motivated and well-behaved group of students.

I would like to say a massive congratulations to your daughter for their consistent hard work, positive attitude to learning and resilience this half term. The jump from Year 7 to Year 8 is not an easy one; the work level increases and so does the challenge in lessons, but the students have transitioned extremely well and I am super proud of them all.

One aspect of school life that I am looking to develop this year is the recognition and reward for those students that are consistently getting it right or going above and beyond. This could be in lessons, through leadership and community participation or in extracurricular opportunities. With that in mind, I want to say a particular well done to the following 24 students that have been recognised by their Form Tutors for starting this year in an extremely positive way. They were rewarded with a personalised certificate and a sweet in assembly (I may have helped myself to some of the sweets also).

8A	8E	8G	8J
Mafalda BDH	Shruthika G	Isabelle B	Harriet K
Samah H	Grace H	Elora AM	Melek G
Nethuni R	Shireen K	Olvina M	Alessia P
8O	8P	8S	8T
Tija K	Ava W	Jaydah D	Riley L
Tabitha S	Sienna V	Kiera W	Yalda A
Katy S	Beth C-S	Khadijah A	Samira A

I also want to recognise the students that have been given the responsibility of being our student leaders this year. Our student leaders fall in to three categories: Form Leader, Community Leader and House Leader, and the students selected will play a pivotal role in shaping and developing not only the Year Group, but the Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form community as a whole. I am sure you will join me in congratulating the following students on their appointment.

Tutor Group	Form Leaders	House Leaders	Community Leaders
8A	Lyla S, Isabella S	Eva M, Misk A-K	Charlotte R, Nethuni R
8E	Margot H, Daisy S	Darcey BdC, Beatrice K	Sadie C, Daisy C
8G	Maggie A, Martha W	Isabelle B	Isla L, Gabriella P
8J	Sofia W, Rohini T	Adora U, Holly N	Kamsika T, Melek G
8O	Ava S, Molly B	Matilda S, Eva K	Astri M, Jasmine S
8P	Chloe M, Tuesday B	Ava W, Emily N	Beth C-S, Laila W
8S	Senudi G, Jasmine T	Erin P, Olivia F	Lily S, Kiera W
8T	Aurelia B, Kelsey B	Nishka T, Bella M	Yousra A, Ayah A-I

Throughout the year, we will keep you informed about important dates, events and academic milestones. We have had lots of fun so far this year, including the Matilda sing-along, as well as the wide range of extra-curricular activities that students have been participating in. I was also delighted to see so many students participate in Open Evening, showing their commitment to Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form. I would like to thank our Transition Ambassadors who have been working particularly hard supporting with primary school visits and Open Morning Tours for Year 5 and 6 families. We also have lots to look forward to, including a visit to the Tower of London in November, a rewards trip in December, a Drama trip to see "My Neighbour Totoro" in January and the "Take your Daughter to Work" day in April. We encourage all students to engage in some form of enrichment opportunity



throughout the year, as this helps to develop character, resilience and motivation, as well as providing the opportunity to make new friends with similar interests. In order to further develop our enrichment programme, we want to gather some feedback about current engagement and look to what students might like offered. Students have had a survey shared via Microsoft Teams and I would ask you to remind your daughter to complete this.

I would also like to mention the selecting of GCSE Options this year. I have listed key dates for you and your daughter to be aware of with regards to assessments and deadlines at the end of this letter, so please do pay careful attention to those. Miss Davies, the Assistant Head of Year 8, and I urge you to take an active interest in your daughter's selection of GCSE options, ensuring that she makes the right choices for the right reasons, as this will give her the best chance of succeeding as she moves on to her GCSEs.

I spoke at the Careers Evening earlier this term of my vision for the students this year. I want them to become independent, healthy learners that are confident and positive, and that are GCSE and future ready. Whilst I want to assure you that Miss Davies and I are committed to providing them with every opportunity to succeed and excel, we also look forward to working with you to achieve this goal. You can help support us by ensuring your daughter is at school every day, making sure they have good routines in the morning, evening and before going to bed, encouraging them to sign up for enrichment activities, motivating them to read independently and asking them reflective questions about their day and learning.

Within PSHCE this year the students have been covering topics on drugs and alcohol, including caffeine, tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and managing influence. After half term we begin looking at careers in the NHS before moving onto GCSE options in the New Year.

### Key Dates

- Thursday 16 November 2023: WSCD - Tower of London Trip
- w/c Monday 18 December 2023: Mock Options choices
- Spring 1 term: PSHCE - My Future, My Choice (Options focus)
- w/c Monday 8 January 2024: Assessment Fortnight 1
- w/c Monday 29 January 2024: Grades
- Monday 5 February 2024: Options Evening and Careers Fair
- w/c Monday 4 March 2024: Parents' Evening
- Friday 8 March 2024: Options deadline
- w/c Monday 3 June 2024: Assessment Fortnight 2

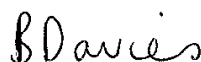
We encourage open communication between parents, students and teachers as it plays a crucial role in your daughter's success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have via email at [Richard.thorne@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk](mailto:Richard.thorne@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk) or [Bethan.davies@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk](mailto:Bethan.davies@tolworthgirlsschool.co.uk).

We hope you all have a very well deserved break this October half term and look forward to seeing students on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

Yours faithfully



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Miss B Davies  
Assistant Head of Year 8

