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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back to Year 8 - Start of Academic Year Update

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As Headteacher at Calder High School, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our Year 8 Students, Parents and Carers.

A Fantastic Start for Year 8

We delayed this communication slightly to give our students time to settle into the new term, and I am delighted to share what a fantastic start Year 8 has made. I know many students and parents are pleased that Mr Driver chose to take this year group through from Year 7. The enthusiasm, behaviour, and positive attitude shown by our students has been truly impressive.

- Core Values in Action: Year 8 pupils have consistently embodied our core values of Care, Commitment, and Courage—in lessons, around the school, and during form time.
- **Strong Attendance and Rewards:** Our Year 8 attendance is currently over 98%, and students have already earned a significant number of reward points. High attendance is proven to have a strong impact on academic achievement, so thank you for your ongoing support.
- **'Every Minute Counts' Campaign:** Our focus on punctuality is thriving. It's wonderful to see Year 8 students arriving before the bell and attending all lessons on time.

Your Support is Vital

We are aware that road works pop up on Burnley Road without warning, this may impact your journey to school. Please continue to support your child in leaving home in plenty of time to ensure they arrive punctually. Every minute in school really does count, and your encouragement makes all the difference.

New School Rebuilding Programme Update

We are excited to announce that representatives from the Department for Education will be visiting the school in mid-October as part of our New School Rebuilding Programme. This is a significant step forward for our community, and I promise to keep you fully updated as the project progresses.

Next Steps and How to Stay Involved

- Encourage your child's punctuality and attendance—aim for over 98%
- Contact us if you have any concerns or require support with attendance or punctuality issues
- Look out for further updates on the rebuilding programme and other school initiatives

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office. Thank you once again for your support. Let's continue working together to make this a fantastic year for Year 8.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Taylor Head of Calder High School part of The Calder Learning Trust



Everybody, Everyday





