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Year 8 Key Dates and Information

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope your child/ren has enjoyed their first few weeks back at John Ferneley College. Year 8 are having a super start settling back into school. I wanted to let you know of some key dates for your diary for the 2022-2023 academic year. More information about these events will be sent out prior to the event.

- **Wednesday 8th March 2023** – Parents' Evening [remote event]
- **Tuesday 27th June 2023** – Celebrating Success Evening [live event]

This term I have also launched a couple of new initiatives. The first one was 'student buddies' where I asked the year group if anyone would like to volunteer to become a buddy to the new Year 7 students. In order to apply, students had to write a couple of paragraphs to share why they think they would be effective in the role. We had some lovely responses and we have currently gotten students involved in the project. These students will also become part of our 'JFC Angels' scheme.

I have also launched a tutor group competition this term, where each week a different form group will win a prize according to a variety of achievements. I will change the focus each week so different tutor groups can gain success. Examples of award categories are - the tutor group with the most positive points and the tutor group with the most positive comments from teachers. I am hoping this motivates students and their collective tutor groups to work together for the prize each week.

Our extra-curricular timetable for the Autumn term is now live. It is really important to us that students enjoy their time with us, both inside the classroom and beyond, so please do encourage your son/daughter to get involved with extra-curricular activities if they have not yet done so. A copy of the timetable can be found on our website, here > www.johnferneley.org/extracurricular

A polite reminder that your child's **Tutor** is **your first point of contact** for any day-to-day queries. You can find their direct email addresses on the **school website > Contact Us > Staff Email Addresses**. See direct link here > <https://www.johnferneley.org/emailaddresses>

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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