



## **Parkside Middle School Year 8 Information Evening**

We set high expectations for all children at Parkside, especially in Year 8. They are role models to our younger pupils and therefore should be the first to set the Parkside Standard. You can find details of the five behaviors set out in the Parkside Standard in this pack.

In Year 8, we want to encourage our pupils to grow into well rounded young adults. We support this in numerous ways. For example:

- Roles and responsibilities available to pupils, including: prefect, head pupils, pupil voice, peer mentors, librarians, house captains, sports leaders and more. We want the children to feel as if they can contribute to the school in a positive way. This also teaches them key skills they will need as they continue their educational journey and eventually enter the world of work.
- Enrichment. We will now see the return of trips, clubs including sports clubs, fixtures and school trips.
- Focus on Careers. Children will be visited by guest speakers who set out to inspire and ignite passion within the children. We also plan to take the whole year group to the Big Bang Fair later in the school year where they will have access to experts in the vast field of STEM and even get to experience what it might be like to be in these roles.
- Bushcraft. This three-day residential course challenges pupils with a range of hands-on activities, giving them the chance to get to grips with life in the outdoors and providing them with a unique environment in which to learn and interact with nature as well as each other. The time spent living in the woods offers a fantastic opportunity for pupils to interact away from the distractions of everyday school life, taking them out of their comfort zones and encouraging both independence and teamwork. This course offers a fantastic first step towards the development of leadership skills, as it demands resourcefulness, creativity, and teamwork of the pupils. Please look out for more information on this in due course.
- Termly rewards: Christmas Disco, Ice Skating and Inflatables Day. This gives children a goal to work towards and acknowledgement for their hard work.