

Year 7 Newsletter

Issue 1 - November 2023

Welcome

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our Year 7 newsletter! Each half term we will publish our year group newsletter to celebrate successes, share key dates and spotlight students that have had an excellent achievement. As we end of our first half term I am incredibly proud of how Year 7 have settled into life at The Sutton Academy.

Over the past seven weeks the year group have received over 116,000 achievement points for Grade 1 attitude to learning, demonstrating our values and outstanding effort in homework tasks.

Achievement


Each half term we focus on one of our Academy values, the first half term has centred around kindness. Students have been given the challenge to become the kindest year group! Staff comment on how polite and well-mannered Year 7 students are and this is evident by the thousands of kindness points that have been awarded so far this half term.

The Year 7 team would like to spotlight the following students for receiving the most kindness values so far.

Logan R
Tutor group winner is - 7G.



Curriculum Spotlight

English - Greek mythology 
Year 7 have been studying Myths, Heroes and Villains this term. They have read Greek myths like Prometheus and Medusa, Nordic myth Beowulf and how writers develop their characters. Next term they will apply their knowledge to Philip Pullman's metafiction tale Clockwork. They will study the form of a fairy-tale and how writers can subvert traits to develop new stories.

For further information and a more detailed overview of curriculum coverage please follow the link below:

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Assessment Focus

Each academic year students will have three assessment windows. The first week of assessments for Year 7 was Monday 23rd October.

Students have engaged well with their revision and we have seen an excellent demonstration of resilience for Year 7 this week.

The first tracking report will be sent home early December.

Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We strive that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative – thank you for your continued efforts with this.

Miss Flynn

Mrs Owen



Achievement Leader

Head of Year

Miss Daly



KS3 Head of Year

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Home Learning Focus

Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom. It is The Sutton Academy's policy to set home learning using ClassCharts. All students have been issued their codes for class charts if you are experiencing any problems with ClassCharts please email Year7@thesuttonacademy.org.uk.

To support students with home work the Academy offers a homework club, students can access daily in EG02 at the following times:

Before school – 8am – 8:25am

Lunch time

After school 2:40pm – 3:40pm

If you feel your child would benefit from attending this club, whether its to help them with their homework routine, receive support to complete tasks, or just have a quiet place to work, please contact Miss Flynn.

Pumpkin Picking

Our young explorers had a fantastic day at The Pumpkin Patch, where they delved into the amazing world of pumpkins!

Learning the Pumpkin Life Cycle:

From tiny seeds to giant pumpkins, our students got hands-on experience and learned about the fascinating life cycle of these autumn treasures.

Maize Maze Adventure:

Getting lost and finding their way out was all part of the fun! Our Year 7s navigated through the challenging maize maze, working together as a team.

Hand-Picking Their Pumpkins:

The highlight of the day was when each student carefully selected their very own pumpkin to take home!

A day filled with learning, laughter, and pumpkin-picking – a memorable experience for our Year 7s!

Trips and Events

Sports News

Football

The turnout has been fantastic at football club this half term. The Y7 boys played well at the recent schools' festival, drawing most of the games against competitive opposition. We have been drawn against Hope Academy in the 1st round of the town cup. Good luck boys.

Rugby

The Y7 boys' rugby squad performed superbly at the two recent schools' festivals. Tuesday 24th October the boys played 5 games, winning 4 and drawing 1. The attitude and resilience showed by all the boys involved was first class and showed lots of improvement from the first competition we played. We have been drawn in the first round of the town up against St Augustines after half term and also made it through to the NW counties competition against St Peters (Wigan), St Peter and Paul (Widnes) and Irlam & Cadishead Academy. Keep it up boys!

The Y7/8 girls rugby team also played on Monday at the schools festival showing determination against some tough opponents. Keep training after half term to prepare for the cup match coming up against Rainford.

Netball

The girls netball team have been drawn against St Augustine's after half term so please keep working hard and attend practices on Wednesdays after half time with Mrs Whiteside and Ms Lithgow.

Y7 Basketball / Netball / multisports and Gymnastics clubs - again the turnout at these clubs has been fantastic so far. Keep up the excellent attendance and attitude after the break!

A big thank you to Mr Sawyer, Mr Cawley, Mr Holme, Mrs Whiteside, Ms Lithgow and Mrs Egerton who have dedicated their extra time to plan and deliver the after school clubs, training and fixtures this half term. This is very much appreciated

-Mr Langford



Reading Spotlight

Students in Year 7 are currently reading David Olusoga's "Black and British" in Ready to Learn time. Through Olusoga's authoritative text, students are being exposed to periods of British history which are both shameful and appalling. It ranges from the first Africans to come to Britain to the shameful Windrush scandal, and takes in the industrial revolution, cotton grown on slave plantations and the black soldiers who fought for Britain in the first world war.

Books we recommend to Year 7 students are:

- "October, October" by Katya Balen
- "Sawbones" by Catherine Johnson
- "Posted" by John Anderson
- "Face" by Benjamin Zephaniah
- "His Dark Materials" by Philip Pullman
- "The Girl of Ink & Stars" by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- "Rat" by Patrice Lawrence
- "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank
- "When the Sky Falls" by Phil Earle

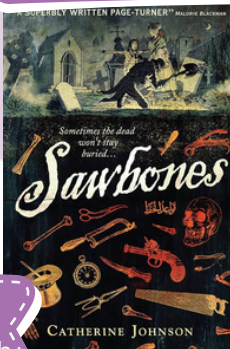
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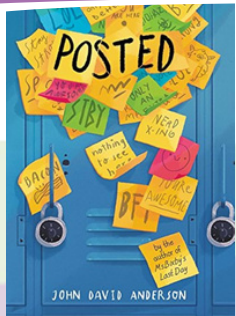
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by Katya Balen



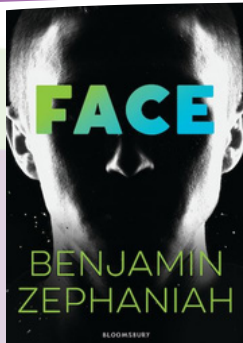
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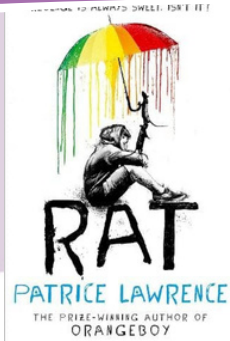
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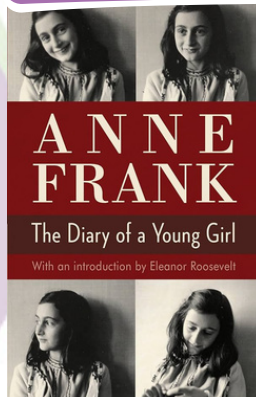
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SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the academy from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 6th December. Buying books at the book fair will support our academy in receiving free books for our library. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the book fair too.

Further information about the books available to buy, and the timings for the book fair, will be shared two weeks before.