

Year 7 Newsletter

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Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We usually produce a newsletter once a half term but we thought it would be important to bring our issue forward to highlight the fantastic start Year 7 have made and share some information with you about your child's transition into the academy.

Key date for your diary

On Thursday 17th October, the Year 7 year team will be holding an information evening, here you will be given information about the year team, rewards, expectations, homework apps and more.

Letters and information about this evening will be sent in the coming days and I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Hughes



Achievement Leader

Mrs Boylan



Head of Year

Achievement

Year 7 have had such a phenomenal start to their time here at the academy. As you may know from your child, we have already been rewarding them for such a fantastic start. In the first 2 weeks, we dished out over 230 bags of sweets in reward for students who had not received a behaviour point. In the past 2 weeks, we have given out a further 205 bags of chocolate for students who again hadn't received a single behaviour point. It has been amazing to award over 75% of students within the year group.

Our next reward will be for any student who hasn't received either a first warning or detention for homework from 30th September. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as soon as they get it.

Over the past few weeks, it has also been commented from staff around the academy how the year group are demonstrating our core values of kindness, resilience, being reflective and part of a community. This is fantastic to hear and the year group are working well at creating this team ethos within the year group.

Communication

As an academy, we see the importance of having to work closely with our parents to ensure we get the best possible outcomes for your child. However, it is not always possible for the year team to call back immediately. Our communication with parents policy is when contact is made with the academy we will get back to you with a response within 24 hours.

In terms of meeting face to face can parents please contact the academy either through phone call or email to arrange a face to face meeting with the year team. It is not always possible for you to meet the year team by attending the academy unannounced. The year team can often be in a professional meeting, teaching timetables, duties or working with other students within the year team. Once contact has been made, we will get back to you as soon as possible regarding your issue.

Home Learning Focus

All homework within the academy are set on Class Charts. Thank you to those parents who have downloaded the App and are using this to support with their child's behaviour and homework.

Currently, Year 7 students are using 2 apps to complete their homework which are Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. Students already know their usernames for these apps but if they are unsure, students can log in using Microsoft and inserting their log in details for the school computers.

If you have any issues with using Class Charts, please contact the year team. If your query is about the use of Sparx, please direct this to your child's class teacher.



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.

Poor attendance can result in poor outcomes for your child. Please see the bar chart opposite at the impact that poor attendance can have on your child's GCSE results.

