

Year 7 Spring Term 2020 Newsletter

16 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year!

Last term was busy for Year 7 with some fantastic events taking place. Students had the opportunity to go on the castles trip with the History Department and to Cadbury World with the Technology Department. Many of our Year 7 students took part in the Christmas concert which was a joy to watch. Students performed so confidently, and we are sure it was a moment which made you all very proud. On Friday 13 December, all of our students attended the Year 7 Christmas Lunch Party, it was a wonderful afternoon with a magician, songs and awards given out.

Team 7

There has been one change of tutor this term, with Mr Spelman leaving 7.4, Ms Paddock and Miss Ordu have both taken over the group. We also welcome Miss Roberts to the team, taking over the role within the leadership of KS3 from Mrs Gallagher who is on secondment at Foxford School. Year 7 also have the direct support of two Student Support Mentors, Miss Murray and Miss Rumsey.

Coming up this term for Year 7

Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January

Y7 Booster Week

Monday 20 January – Friday 14 February

Y7 After School Booster sessions

Friday 7 February

Second Conover Hall payment due (£35)

Friday 21 February

Teacher Day – students not in school

Saturday 22 February – Sunday 1 March

Half term holiday

Wednesday 8 April

Year 7 Graduation (disco after school)

Thursday 9 April

Intervention Day (school closed to students in Y7 to Y10)

Friday 10 April – Sunday 26 April

Easter holiday

Achieve Programme

During tutor time, students have completed their first term of the Achieve Programme. Work covered during this time includes aspirations, careers, anti-bullying, leadership and organisation. Student voice carried out has given the team good feedback on what they have particularly enjoyed and found interesting. This term the Achieve Programme includes work on resilience and respect, as well as healthy relationships.

Graduation

It was a real pleasure to see 259 of our 270 students graduate at the end of last term. Students were rewarded with a selection box. Thank you for your support with the process, ensuring that so many Year 7 students have good attendance, and in helping them to maintain a positive attitude to learning. We are really pleased that 106 members of our year group still have 100% attendance.

The graduation process starts again this term with all students' points resetting to zero. Graduation will take place at the beginning of April. This term, the graduation programme includes a disco and an inter-tutor benchball competition, which runs for the whole term.

For students to graduate they need:

- Good attendance
- Good punctuality
- Positive behaviour

- Good progress
- Good attitude to learning both in the classroom and with Home Learning

Extra-curricular Clubs

There are many opportunities for Year 7 students to get involved in different activities after school. These clubs can help students meet new friends, develop their knowledge and understanding of specific subjects and also enjoy and have fun doing new things. Listed below are the clubs available, along with the time and venue where they take place:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swimming Club Mr Holding 3.10 – 4.10 Swimming Pool (Invite Only)	Netball Mrs Harborne 3.15 – 4.15 Netball Courts	Girls Football Mr Holland/Miss Murray 3.15 – 4.15 Astro	Rugby Mr Moffatt 3.15 – 4.15 Field	Ukulele Club Miss Ellul 12.10 – 12.40 F6
Graphic Novel Club Ms Shaikh 3.10 – 4.10 S2	Basketball Mr Roper/Mr Moffatt 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Hall	Badminton Mr Moffatt 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Hall	Y7 Football Mr Hall 3.15 – 4.15 Astro	
	STEM Club Miss Reddington Mr Ison Mr Wood 3.15 – 4.15 F22	SPECTRUM LGBT + Society Mr Brown 3.15 – 4.00 F11	Art Club Miss Brooks 3.10 – 4.15 G3	
	Creative Writing Club Miss McDonagh 3.15 – 4.15 S9	Drama Club Miss Caddick/Mr Shaw 3.20 – 4.20 Drama Studio	Orchestra Club All Years Mrs Vincent 12.10 – 12.40 F5	
	Decoders Mrs Richmond 3.15 – 4.15 F7	Guitar Club Mrs Vincent 12.10 – 12.40 F5		
	String & Brass Sectionals Mrs Vincent 3.10 – 4.10 F5			
	Great Caludon Bake Off Mrs Coe 3.15 – 4.30 G11 Sign up required (£1.50)			
	Choir Club Mrs Vincent 12.20-1.05 F5			
	Y7 Home Learning Club Miss Murray 3.10 – 4.10 F11			

We wish your child every success in the calendar year ahead. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mr Holland in the first instance.

The Year 7 Team.