

Year 7 Bulletin



Autumn term – 25/09/20

Thought of the week

“My goal is not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than I used to be. Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never work another day in your life”

The topic of Year 7 Assembly this week was international peace day, this was led by Mrs Jones who talked about the importance of the day particularly in the current climate. Mr Barnet-Richards also spoke about setting high standards in lessons and every students potential to be a high future attainer. Have a look at the video we watched.

https://youtu.be/Oswl_0jMM4M

Year 7, moving on up!

The rewarding of positive behavior points is tracked through Classcharts. Students have received their log-in details and we will be contacting you soon with details of how you can also monitor this. You will be able to see which classes students are receiving praise in, we will also record any negative behavior here so that you are aware. The students tutors will discuss this with them on a weekly basis and we also have an inter form competition each week to see who can collect the most positive points. Here are the running totals so far:

7 Blue - 1519
7 Yellow - 996
7 Green - 951
7 Red - 1035

Attendance.

Being at school every day is important in trying to achieve your potential. Year 7 have a high attendance rate so far which is brilliant, please phone us to let us know if your child is ill and cannot attend the academy.

7 Blue

Year 7 blue have made an excellent start to the year and have consistently had the most positive behavior points since starting year 7 which makes me as their form tutor exceptionally proud. It has been excellent to see them mature so quickly and settle into new routines so well. Of particular mention are our tutor reps, Mija Martinkute and Arun Dhillon, who have taken on additional responsibilities in order to continue to improve the student experience. Well done 7 Blue. Mr Holdway.

7 Green

Miss Cheung will no longer be 7 Green's tutor but we are excited to have Miss Downey joining the Year 7 team. Miss Downey is one of our Modern Languages teachers so I'm sure 7 Green will all be soon completing the register in French! 7 Green's form reps are Ellie-Mae Wheeler and Alex Corns. Mr Kirk.

7 Red

Wow! What a brilliant start by 7 Red! Every one of the members of this class has made their academy proud and have treated their form group and the staff and students around the school with respect, consideration and kindness. This is perhaps best demonstrated by the achievement of having zero negative points for their first three weeks in the academy. Spectacular! We have a really strong team developing, with a keenness to participate in all aspects of curricular and extra-curricular activities including: Film Club, Science Club and, very importantly, the form and year group elections. Our form representatives, Chloe Farrington and Alan Hulme have been very active in democracy since their appointment; immediately asking if they could appoint a deputy representative in Chrissy Dodd! Furthermore, Chloe was successful in her campaign to become representative for the whole of year 7! Well done Chloe and well done to all of 7 Red. Let's #keepgettingbetter! Mr Newton

7 Yellow

7 Yellow are fabulous! I'm very proud to be their form tutor. Students arrive promptly to lessons and I receive comments from other members of staff to say how delightful they have been! Connor Hutchings and Mia Bradshaw are our form reps and they are eager to take part in meetings, representing their peers. There is a real sense of 'team SUA' in our form which is great to see. Students are supporting one another and demonstrating kindness and thoughtfulness each day. Keep it up! 7 Yellow are enthusiastic and love the extra-curricular activities put on by staff. A great start to Y7! Miss Parkes

Teaching and Learning.

Staff have been impressed with the positive attitude to learning our Year 7s are showing in lessons. Lead Practitioner and Science specialist Mrs Sinclair said "I am so impressed with Year 7s mature attitude and inquisitive approach to their lessons. In the first unit "Becoming a Scientist" they are learning new skills like how to use the Bunsen Burners, how to graph properly and importantly how to assess risk."



Why not ask your child if they know how to conduct experiments safely?

Year Council.

Elections were held on Friday 18th September and each member of Year 7 cast their vote. Congratulations to Alex Corns and Chloe Farrington who were elected as the Year Council reps.

Birmingham REP Theatre

Juliet Fry has now been working with Year 7 over the past two weeks in preparation for our trip to the REP and final performances. It's been great to see so many of the students getting involved with the project and developing their creative talents!

Open Evening and Mornings

Thank you to all the Year 7 students who helped out and took part in the Open Evening on Thursday 24th September. It was great to see so many students volunteering in departments and that we followed COVID guidance. Just a reminder that there are Open Mornings on beginning on Monday 5th October and a final Open Evening on Thursday 8th October. If you know anyone Year 6 students who would be interested in visiting the academy please contact us to make an appointment.

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Open Evenings
Thursday 24th September 2020
Thursday 8th October 2020
6.00pm - 8.30pm

Book your place at one of our events now. Tour groups limited to 6 people

Open Mornings
Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th October
Free uniform for all new Year 7 students

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Keeping in touch.

Over the coming weeks the tutors will be phoning to let you know how your child has settled in. You can also contact us via email. Social media is also a good way of keeping up to date with events in the academy, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Mr. Kirk