

# Year 7 Bulletin



Autumn term – 09/10/20

## Thought of the week

**“Winners never quit and quitters never win.”**

Over the last two weeks in Year 7 Assembly we have talked about the importance of Modern Foreign Languages and Mental Health. Miss Mays led an entertaining quiz that was won by 7 Red whilst Mr Washbourne spoke about the importance of looking after your mind as well as your body. Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day and in these uncertain times it is vital that we look after our own and each other's mental health. Mrs Hastings spoke to the Y7 about the new class charts shop in which students will be able to exchange their positive points for rewards such as Xbox and Costa Coffee vouchers. Mr Newton also spoke to Y7 about the AIM project. This project focuses upon Able and Inspiring Minds and is open to all Y7 students and allows them to study a variety of different subjects in more depth and detail than they would usually get the chance to. There are still some spaces available, so if any Y7 are interested, speak to Mr Newton.

## 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 student's 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 - 2465  
7 Green - 1573  
7 Red - 2087  
7 Yellow - 1717

## 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 continued their excellent start to the year and have now settled and adapted well to the different structure of high school. We continue to have the most amount of positive points since the start of the year which is a great tribute to the work ethic of the form, as a whole. Students have been discussing the changing views in different situations and as a result have decided it is very difficult to change a first impression in many situations. It has been a delight to see the understanding and views of different students in such a mature manner. Well done 7 Blue. Mr Holdway.

## **7 Green**

Year 7 have been absolute dreams welcoming me into the Green team! I feel super proud to now have this form; they are such a bubbly bunch and I can't wait to see them through the years in SUA. I have loved getting to know them outside of the French classroom. From learning about which fish they have at home, to hearing about what they get up to outside of school - they are an impressive bubbly bunch in French and in tutor time! We did Miss Mays' language quiz last week - unfortunately we didn't win - but we would like to say a big congrats to 7Red on winning! Miss Downey.

## **7 Red**

Another great week for 7 Red! Fantastic work across all subjects and particularly in English where students held an Oxford Debating Society style debate on the role of Science in modern life prompted by their study of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. Josh Iwanowa and Joel Rushton Batey deserve special praise for their excellent debating style as well as Max Edgington for his role as Chairman of the debate. Well done and keep it up 7 Red! Mr Newton

## **7 Yellow**

It's been another brilliant week for 7 Yellow – well done! Their enthusiasm for lessons is a joy to see. Now that the reading challenges are underway, some of the students have already completed their booklets – well done to Summer Moss and Emily Ward. You have the highest achievement points in the group! This week, 7 Yellow have been discussing 'lunch clubs' and we are pleased to announce that each Friday we will be hosting a 'Mindfulness colouring' club in G4 – all are welcome, numbers permitting. Miss Parkes.

## **Teaching and Learning. (TEAMS update)**

The academy has provided every student in the year group with training on 'Microsoft Teams', this is to ensure that all students are fully aware and able to use the cloud-based platform that the academy has adopted. Microsoft is the option that the academy has chosen to support our blended learning approach. Microsoft Teams facilitates instant communication between the academy and students. Please take a look at the platform at home with your child/parent. Students can access this via their academy email.

If you need support in accessing your emails please go to <https://sua.rmunify.com/> and log on using your log-in credentials:

Username: 20(Surname)(Initial of your first name)

Password: (School log-in password)

For a step by step guide, please take a look at this video created by Mr Churchill

<https://youtu.be/9SF99N4m7uY?t=74>



Why not have a practice run through this week and let your child show you what TEAMS can do?

## Open Evening and Mornings

Thank you to all the Year 7 students who helped out and took part in the Open Evenings on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was great to see so many students volunteering in departments and that we followed COVID guidance. If you know anyone Year 6 students who would be interested in visiting the academy for Open Morning, please contact us to make an appointment.

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

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## **Keeping in touch.**

Tutors have been calling families and have spoken to most of you already to let you know how your child has settled in. If you have not heard from us yet and are keen to do so, please email me and I will arrange for a tutor call. You can also email the tutor directly. 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