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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Head of Year Spring Update

Incredibly we are now seeing the second full term for our Year 7s come to a close! For the vast majority of the Year 7 students, it has been another very successful term; we now have almost 100 students that are at 200+ praise points across the year and just over 130 students who have received less than 5 behaviour points since September. The volume of students achieving these milestones is testament to their hard work and positive attitude to learning around the school.

Bowling Reward Trip

On Tuesday we took a group of 30 students to Hollywood Bowl in Milton Keynes for our second Reward Trip of the year. These students were impeccably behaved and represented both themselves and the school extremely well.

Tutor Group Rewards

Our half-termly tutor group challenge is ongoing, this term saw 7VM receive the prize just before half-term with 7SM coming out on top for the second half term. We also continue our Hungry Games competition where tutor groups earn points for having the most reward points as a tutor group as well as their success in tutor group challenges. Most recently this has involved a quiz for British Science Week and a paper aeroplane race – the current standings will be totalled immediately after Easter where the leading tutor group will receive a breakfast during tutor time!

Friends of Mark Rutherford

Our 'Friends of Mark Rutherford' group is now live and Mr Briggs has held conversations with those of you that volunteered following our transition evening back in July. As a reminder, this group will be meeting to discuss various school elements that parents/carers are able to get involved with. If you are keen to become involved in this please contact the school on the email below and highlight your email for the attention of Mr Briggs.

Equipment & Uniform

Over the Easter holidays could you please ensure that your son/daughter has all of the equipment required within their lessons. This includes a sturdy bag suitable for carrying books and equipment, pencil case with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler, highlighter pens and a calculator. Additionally, students need to be in full school uniform at all times, this includes a school jumper and school shoes. If you have any questions regarding equipment or uniform please contact your son/daughter's form tutor.

Octagon Challenge

In my letter last term I referred to the Octagon Challenge being available for students to complete during this academic year. I have seen numerous students completing these challenges and collecting the signatures required but I am yet to have a student complete all eight tasks. There are rewards on offer for the students that manage to complete the challenge.

Paired Reading

We have recently got our Year 7 Paired Reading programme started which involves selected Year 7 students receive reading support with older students. This is a great initiative which has proven to be very beneficial to students in the past and I am hoping those students that have been selected enjoy this opportunity.

Parents Evening

Please be aware that Year 7 Parents Evening will now take place on Wednesday 28th June. Additional information regarding how to make appointments will follow in due course.

Thank You

Finally, we would just like to take this time to say thank you; thank you to all of the Year 7 students and you, parents/carers for your continued hard work and support to both your son/daughter's education and to the school. We hope all students have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all replenished and ready to go in 2 weeks!

Questions

If you have any questions at all please contact either your child's form tutor or the Year Office, on 01234 290200 or mark.rutherford@mrus.co.uk. Please mark emails for the attention of the relevant member of staff to ensure we are able to deal efficiently with your enquiry.

Yours faithfully



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