



Year 7 Newsletter 02nd November 2023

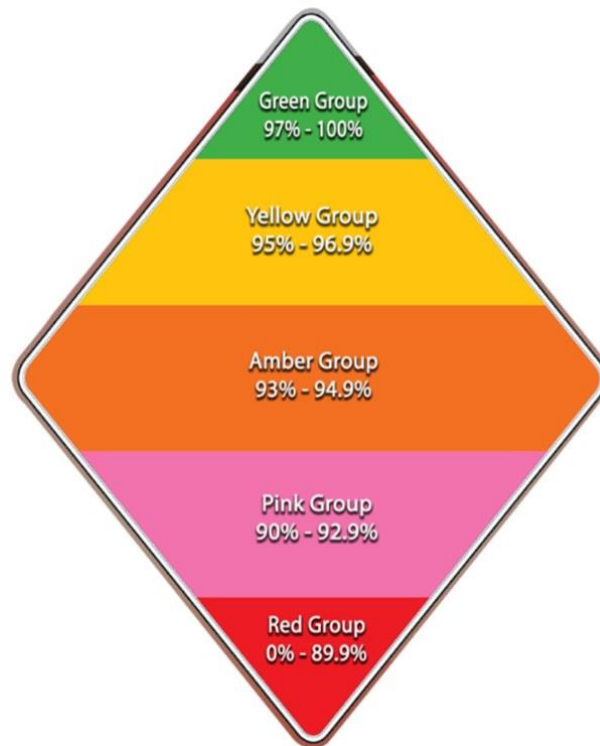
September 5th seems so long ago, your child's first day at secondary school.

They are almost at the end of week 8, hopefully after a lovely relaxing October half term break.

Students have adjusted from being in small primaries to a year group of 202. Other experiences include: completing assessments in exam conditions; adjusted to an entirely new behaviour and reward system, through to attending after school activities in our Opportunities and Offer Programme (OOP).

I hope this half of term will be as positive and rewarding for the students as the first.

Year 7 Attendance



Year 7 Attendance up to half term was 97.73%

Well done to all students, this is a good start.

Please remember as we head into the cold season, keep a packet of tissues in your pocket, if you are feeling a bit under the weather, early nights, water and if required, paracetamol

1 school day missed is 5 hours of learning lost, it soon mounts up!

Attendance target is 97%

Homework

Year 7 will now receive sanctions if homework is not completed.

Please see homework expectations for maths and science below:

Maths is set and due in every Thursday for all groups. It is on Eedi and is also posted on Teams. As well as the assigned quizzes, there are retrieval activities that pop up to remind students about topics they have studied throughout the year. Students are not sanctioned for not completing the retrieval activities but they will get spirit points if they do complete them. They are expected to do some writing in their books. If students do not know their password, they should see their subject teacher or I can reset them during breaks

Science: Tassomai daily goals. Students can complete one a day or all four on the same day. If less than four goals are completed in a week, sanctions will be issued. If students have forgotten their Tassomai password, they can ask their subject teacher or see me during breaks.

I will give further information on other subjects in future newsletters

A reminder that students usernames are the same for school computer / Teams / Edulink

Example: 23FLane@abbey.college *passwords have not changed*, unless students have requested a new one this week.

October Transition Survey

Many thanks to those who completed the Transition Survey, the feedback, both negative and positive, is key to improving the Transition process each year.

I will be responding to some of the feedback in the next Newsletter.

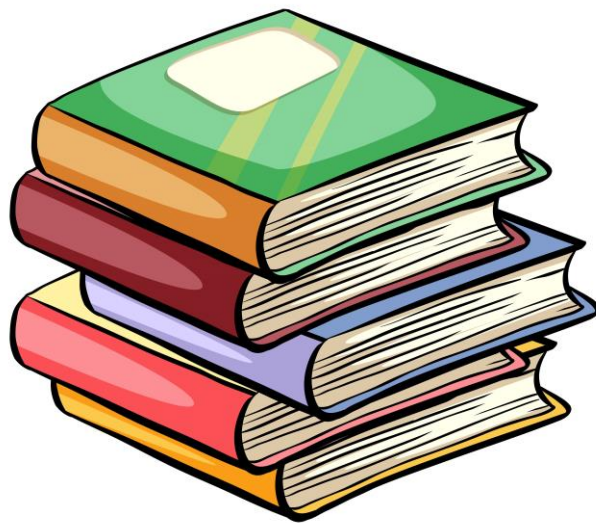
Year 7 Spirit : Behaviour ratio

The first half of term was a brilliant start for Year 7, they were rewarded with doughnut Friday, October 13th, having achieved a ratio of 30:1

They were also rewarded with a non-uniform day this week, well done to all students.

The target of 9:1 has now been set for this half term. This will be more challenging with homework sanctions now in place, but I believe Year 7 can do it.

Reading reminder



Please encourage your children to read for 15 to 20 minutes each day, or at least 3 times a week, it doesn't have to be a 500 page novel, just something they find enjoyable.

If your child loves football, but dislikes reading, [Four Four Two](#) is a great way of encouraging them to read. You can subscribe for digital download or the lovely old fashioned way, a magazine through the door.

I would also like to encourage them to look through their school books and read over what they have learnt over the past week, if there is anything they are struggling to understand, they can approach their teachers for advice.

Please remember:

Mobile phones should be turned off and in school bags when on school site. Any mobile phones not turned off and in school bags will be confiscated until the end of the day and students will receive an after school detention.



Year 7 Charity Bake Sale



On Friday November 17th, Year 7 will be holding a bake sale in aid of Children in Need.

If your children would like to bake, please ask them to bring their goods to school on the morning of the sale, each item must have a full, clear list of ingredients, without this we cannot sell the goods.

Thank you

<https://www.narf.org.uk/natashaslaw>

Autumn has arrived



Temperatures have dropped and rain seems to be a regular weather pattern for our local area.

Please make sure students are prepared and come to school with a coat.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

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