



Year 7 Newsletter 30th November 2023

As we head towards the end of term, I find myself walking around school talking to the year 7's with a big smile on my face, I am so proud of how they have settled into secondary life and what they have achieved.

We have 3 weeks left before the Christmas break, but we will not be taking our feet off the pedal, there is still lots of learning to be done, and we will end the term with our Christmas Market.

Year 7 Attendance

Year 7 have been top of the Attendance board until last week, when we dropped to 96.83%

95% Attendance over a school year is 10 school days missed, 50 hours of learning lost!

We aim for a minimum of **97%** and I would like to see Year 7 back on top

We are in cold season, please remind your child to wear a coat, keep dry and warm, and always carry a packet of tissues, having a cold is not a reason to be absent.

Well done 7JOT with 100% attendance week commencing November 13th and 7AST with 100% week commencing 20th November.

Homework reminders

Art - two pieces

Students will need to do some revision on the Elements and Principle of Art for one assignment, and then they will be completing an artist research on Henri Rousseau for the second assignment.

English

Students are expected to complete their weekly Tassomai goals, set on a Monday and runs to Sunday

Login for Tassomai is the original email, for example 23FLane@abbeycollege.cambs.sch.uk if students have forgotten their password, they can obtain a new one from RSL or their subject teacher.

ICT

This is all on iDEA for students to complete badges <https://idea.org.uk/>

Any students that have forgotten their password can reset it themselves via their school email

MO

This half terms homework is a factfile on one of the figures from the Old Testament.

Spanish

Homework is set weekly and it could be any of the following, students are expected to know.

Languagenut / Memrise / Duolingo / ActiveLearn / Phonics work e.g. Miss Stevenson asked 7VLC to voice record themselves saying the alphabet in Spanish

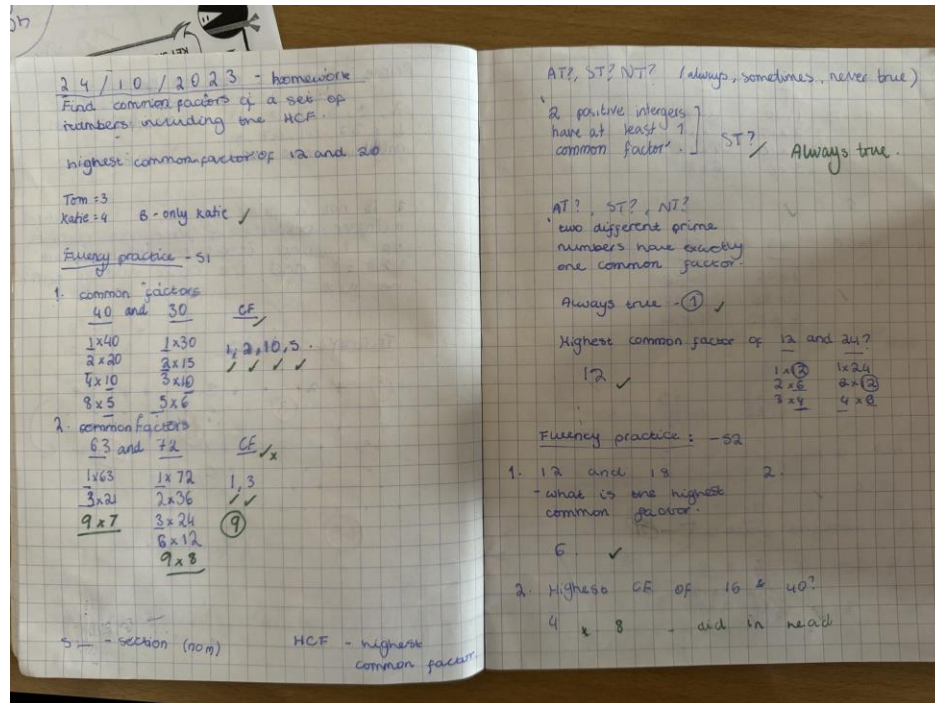
Maths

Homework 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 them 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 also expected to do some writing in their books, please see the picture for an example of how this should look.

Any students unsure of the assignments set must talk to their subject teacher. Sanctions for homework are now in place and after school detentions will be issued,

I will be in IT01 every Friday form time to support students with their homework, they can also print work if they are unable to do so at home.

Homework club is also available in The Bridge Monday - Thursday, students can then get the late bus home.



Year 7 Spirit

This terms goal is 9:1

Current ratio 13:1

Half term ratio: 17:1

We have seen an increase in Tells last week, the main areas being:

- Disruption - no member of staff should have to go beyond an ASK
- Incorrect equipment and kit - students are reminded to check their timetable the night before and get bags ready
- Talking during hands up - all students are aware that staff hands up means stop, silence and students hands up too

I am hoping to see a decline in Tells this week and will be working with some students on Friday to discuss where they are getting it wrong.

Expectations reminder:

Unfortunately we have had a few incidents this half of term of students using their mobile phones during the school day.

Mobile phones must not be kept in blazer pockets, coats pockets or trouser pockets

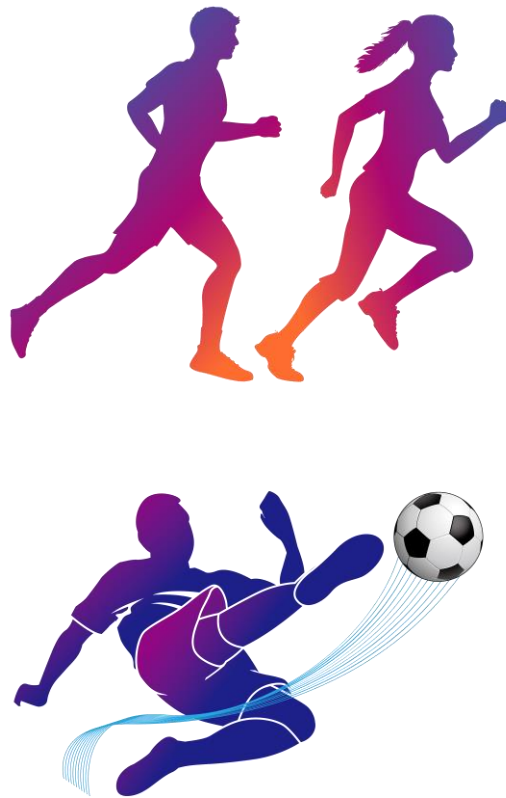
Mobile phones must be turned off and in school bags at all times

Students cannot take photographs of others without their permission, in or out of school.

Students are permitted to use their phones on the school bus, however, they must not take photographs or videos of other students.

Mrs Peattie delivered our assembly this week on unkindness and online safety. If you have any questions regarding this, please email me directly.

Sporting News



District Cross Country.

Our PE Department were really impressed with all the Year 7's that took part in this event, they did a great job and all tried their best.

Some stand outs though (with positions) that qualified for the next round @ Nene park on 13th January

Ellie S - 12

Will S - 14

Logan D - 12

Many congratulations and good luck for January!

Football.

Year 7 boys got through to the county cup quarter finals beating Arthur Mellows 4-1 on penalties after drawing 1-1

Well done to the whole team with a special shout out to Sonny G who saved a penalty during the game and then saved 2 more in the shootout!

Max T / Jasper M / Aiden HH / Sonny G / Logan D / Callum V / Henry Y / Riley B / Arthur YW / Keo G / Harry G / Tyler B / Archie C and Tommie M

Success out of school

We don't just celebrate achievements representing school, we also celebrate achievements out of school, and it does not have to be sporting success.

Please send pictures and information to me of your child's achievements so we can celebrate their success with the year group.

Tang Soo Do Championships

Callum V is not only a great footballer, he is a Tang Soo Do Champion, and we will be keeping an eye on him as we believe he will be a name families across the country will be talking about in years to come.

Regional Championships Middlesborough:

Two first places in Forms and Weapons and a third in Sparring. Callum is now eligible to compete for GB next July in the World Championship in USA.

Many congratulations Callum, fantastic achievement.

Grandmaster Khan, Grandmaster of Europe, pictured with Callum and his trophies



Christmas Market and Christmas Boxes

Year 7 Junior Leadership Team are joining forces with the other Year Groups to organise this year's Christmas Market.

Students will have more information in the coming weeks and donations would be appreciated.

Form groups are also bringing food items for our foodbank boxes, if you would like to donate an item, please ask your child to check with their form tutor which items are still required.

Thank you

Year 7 Charity Bake Sale



Thank you to everyone that baked for our cake sale, they looked delicious, and the few I purchased tasted delicious too!

Our Year 7 students were on a mission with their sales pitches, and they did a fantastic job.

Last year we raised £218, this year our total was **£343.45**

Well done team, you worked really hard.

The festive lights are going up



Please remind students to bring a coat to school, the weather has certainly got colder.

I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend.

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