

Year 7 Newsletter

December 2017

Dear Parents

What a fantastic first term for Year 7! We got off to a great start with everybody settling in to their new routines really smoothly, catching up with old friends and, most importantly, making new ones. We had lots of wonderful events this half term including our first social event, the “Freaky Friday Ball”, which had outstanding Fancy Dress and wonderful dance moves by both students and staff.

House System

This half term we have launched a house system across the whole school and students have been placed in houses depending on what tutor groups they are in. The houses are **Terra, Ventis, Ignis and Aqua**, named after the elements that explain the nature and complexity of all matter in our world. Students from each tutor group will take on specific leadership roles and I was very pleased to see that a large number of students from Year 7 have applied to represent their tutor groups. We have already had two house events during our assemblies this term to launch the house system, our numeracy ninja competition and spelling bee. Well done to all the students who took part full of enthusiasm.

Attendance

Year 7 are still leading the school in attendance with an excellent average attendance of 96.12%. 7H were the tutor group this half term with the best overall attendance, and will be receiving treats for their tutor Christmas party on Thursday 21st December. I would also like to congratulate the 60 students in the year group who still have a perfect 100% attendance score; let’s see if we can keep it up until the end of the year!

Sporting Success

We have had sporting success this term with our netball and football teams for both boys and girls. A special mention going out to the Year 7 girls’ netball team for winning a Southampton schools tournament and the Year 7 girls’ football team for also winning a Southampton 5 a-side tournament this half term. Lots of Year 7 students are still regularly taking part in after school sports clubs which include fitness club, football, basketball, netball, trampolining, boxing and many more.

Parents’ Evening

It has been very busy with parents’ evenings this term, as we have wanted to give you every opportunity to meet tutors and teachers in this vital stage of transition to secondary school. Having had the opportunity to meet tutors twice, the most recent parents’ evening was a chance to meet each individual subject teacher and to discuss your child’s first school report. Attendance at these events has been excellent and we are grateful for your continued support in working together to ensure that all students make excellent progress at school.

Exciting News

In other exciting news, we had a group of students visit the Nuffield Southampton Theatre to see Hetty Feather with the Drama department. Also, in Creative Arts, the Year 9 music students performed a concert for the Year 7 students. The Technology department will be getting all Year 7 classes to take part in a national rocket making competition during the last week of term. These experiences give students the opportunity to develop their learning outside the classroom as well as to engage in a broad co-curriculum. Over the next few years there will be opportunities for our Year 7 students to travel abroad with the Modern Foreign Languages department, giving them a chance to practise their language skills in real life situations, as well as to visit a variety of cultural landmarks.

The term has flown by and I would like to thank all staff at TSTC for looking after the Year 7 cohort so well, especially our team of form tutors: 7S Mrs Read, 7H Mr Newman, 7O Ms Barton, 7L Miss Wall & Mrs Dejoie, 7I Mr Ranger, 7N Mr Jordan, 7G Dr Kendrick, 7T Mrs Jupp & Ms Hunt. Thank you also to our wonderful year group mentors Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Lynch and Miss Tierney for their amazing contributions. Mrs O'Sullivan, our Year 7 Year Group Mentor, deserves a special mention for the endless time and effort she puts into everything that she does – thank you from us all. Mrs Jones, our SLT link and Assistant Headteacher, has once again been amazing with the time and support she gives to both students and staff.

This term has been a pleasure and I am really looking forward to 2018. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Kind Regards

Mr K Chikiwa

Head of Year 7



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**wishes you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a
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