

Year 7 Newsletter

October 2017

Dear Parent,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what a fantastic start the Year 7 students have made to their time here at TSTC. Although they have only been with us for a few weeks, they have already achieved a great deal, and have settled in superbly.

Reward Points

In just 6 weeks, the Year 7 students have amassed a huge 7099 Reward Points. Special mention to 7T, who lead the way with 1103 points collectively as a tutor group. I am thrilled that the students are showing such an excellent attitude in lessons and a real enthusiasm to learn.

Attendance

Year 7 are also currently leading the school in attendance with an excellent average attendance of 96.5%. 7T were the tutor group this half term with the best overall attendance, and will be receiving a pizza party on Friday 20th October at lunch time. I would also like to congratulate the 103 students in the year group who still have a perfect 100% attendance score; let's see if you can keep it up until the end of the year!

Avon Tyrrell

One week ago, 124 Year 7 students attended our Avon Tyrrell residential visit. This helped students to make new friends as well as developing skills that they would not normally be able to develop in a classroom situation. I was impressed with the behaviour, attitude and manners of the students. They were able to try a range of activities, culminating in a talent show at the end of each half of the week, which saw some fantastic performances (and giving an excellent chance for some students to really shine). I was very proud of the way in which they worked together, looked after each other while away from home, and bonded as a year group.

Extra Curricular

We have had successes in extra curricular areas with lots of Year 7 students joining our wide range of after school clubs and we would like to see every Year 7 join at least 1 club every term. We currently have a group of selected 12 students taking part in the Southampton Football Club Saint Foundation Enterprise Challenge which helps the school build strong relationships with local business. We had a group of 37 students attend a successful Welsh Nation Opera Trip which gave students the opportunity to be involved in an arts workshop. We also have an exciting opportunity for selected students to visit Kidzania in London in early February 2018. These experiences give students the opportunity to develop their learning outside the classroom as well as engage in a broad co-curriculum.

We are currently preparing for the Year 7 Freaky Friday Halloween ball on 3rd of November in the Main Hall, which is being run by some of our Year 11 senior prefect team. I trust that it will be a great success as it has been in past years and help raise funds for the Year 11 prom in July. Thank you to the Year 11's for their hard work on this.

Homework

Students and parents have been issued with "Show my homework" (SMHW) log on details. SHMW is an online resource which allows students and parents to log and see all set homework. 'Show my homework' has been a success because it has allowed our parents to track the progress of students and support students with homework.

Dates coming up this term

23 nd – 27 th October	Half term
3 nd November	Year 7 Freaky Friday Ball
29 th November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Early December (TBC)	Christmas Fayre
20 th December	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
21 st December	Carol Service
22 nd – 5 th January	Christmas Holidays
1 st February	Trip to Kidzania for selected students

As I have mentioned previously, should you have any worries or queries, please get in touch with your child's tutor in the first instance. Miss O'Sullivan (Year 7 Mentor), Mrs Jones (Assistant Head Teacher) and myself are also happy to help should you have any further concerns.

Thank you for your support in providing such a smooth transition into secondary school and a very big thank you to Miss Hudson (Transition Leader) who will now be looking after our next transition group. I look forward to sharing further success of the year group with you in the coming months.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind Regards

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Head of Year 7