

Year 7 Parent Notes

Year 7 have completed their first week of assessments and these will continue over the next week. The first set of grades will be input and released before Christmas so students will need to show an excellent approach to learning in lessons, towards their homework and also in their assessments.

Some subjects such as Art, Drama, Music and Technology are not assessing over this fortnight as they have ongoing assessments throughout the year based on the units and modules they are teaching.

The assessments are to aid our reporting process and will not be used for setting. Only Maths and Modern Foreign Languages will remain set for Year 7. Other subjects will not consider any form of setting until Year 8 begins. This does mean that a student's performance across the whole of Year 7 is important as it will be considered in any setting decisions at the end of the year.

On Tuesday, Year 7 had an extra assembly from last year's Deputy Head Boy, Ben Akhtar. Ben spoke to the students about his attempts to "fly to school" last year. It took Ben two years of planning to see his idea come to fruition and involved presentations, sponsorship deals and injuries along the way.

Ben's message was clear to the students: if you want to achieve something, regardless of how impossible it seems, you should do everything you can to make it happen. This is the kind of resilience we hope the students at Oxted develop over their time with us and we hope that they can apply the same "can do" attitude to their work in order to make excellent progress. If you would like to watch the video, or read more information about Ben and his flight then please see the link below:

<https://www.redbull.com/gb-en/watch-this-student-fly-to-school>

The number of homework behaviour logs did decrease last week so things are moving in the right direction but we would ask that you continue to support your son/daughter with completing their homework on time and to a good standard. Equipment checks will again take place next week to ensure students are prepared for their lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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