

## Year 7 Parent Notes

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your son/daughter to Oxted School. Over the past few days students have shown a great deal of enthusiasm and we look forward to this continuing over this half term.

Tuesday 5 September marked the first day at Oxted for over 330 new Year 7 students; the beginning of an association with the school that could last until July 2024! There were many happy faces, occasional confusion but on the whole evidence that students have joined us keen to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them. The students had an action packed first day, including their first lessons at Oxted School, getting to know the other students in their tutor group and an assembly with Mrs Euridge, Mr Milne and Mr Wheatley. Before they were dismissed, students were also fortunate enough to receive an illustrated dictionary each which is donated by the local Rotary Club to whom we are very grateful.

During the day students were reminded of our Powerful Learner characteristics:

- Collaboration
- Courage
- Creativity
- Reflective
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness

These are the qualities we believe strong learners at Oxted need to develop, show and utilise. Students were also reminded about the superb opportunities available at Oxted for all students. There will be many opportunities throughout the year for students to get involved either by representing the school, their house in Interhouse competition or just for the fun of taking part in the wide range of clubs and activities we offer. Please encourage your son/daughter to sign up to them and get involved as much as possible! Oxted is a school of opportunity and we hope that every student tries at least one club over the course of the first half term.

Not every student has a planner this year as all homework will be posted on FROG, our school Virtual Learning Environment. Planners are still available to purchase should a student want one. If your son/daughter is keen, you can purchase one online for them through your school account or your son/daughter can take cash to the Finance Office during break or lunch. The cost of a planner is £3.00

On Thursday morning students had their first official secondary school photograph. There will be more details should you wish to purchase a photo to follow soon.

If you do need to contact a member of staff in school please copy Claire Kent, our Communications Officer ([ckent@oxtedschool.co.uk](mailto:ckent@oxtedschool.co.uk)) into any email communications with the school. This enables us to ensure we respond as quickly as possible to any queries you may have.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Parent Information Evening** on **Tuesday 19 September** from **6.30pm until 7.30pm** in the **Main Hall**. During this evening a lot of information about the following year will be shared with you as parents. Unfortunately, due to

the amount of information we need to give out on this evening it is not an opportunity for a 1 on 1 meeting with the tutor. If you would like to discuss matters in more detail with the tutor, arranging a meeting at a later date would be more suitable.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19 September.

Once again, welcome to Oxted School. Have a good week.

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