

Year 7 Parent Notes

In assembly this week one of the School Nurses came in to speak about what their role is in school and how they can support the students. The Nurse spoke about healthy living and ensuring students are eating well, sleeping well and participating in regular exercise. The nurse also promoted Chat Health, a phone number which students can text anonymously with questions or health worries. Confidential advice and support is offered on a range of matters including emotional health and wellbeing, healthy eating, bullying and sexual health. In most cases parents and teachers will not be informed, but if there is something that makes the nurse really worried about the safety of the student then they will inform the appropriate adults with the students' knowledge.

The number is 07507 329951 and the service is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Any text sent will receive an automatic acknowledgement. If a text is sent outside these times it will be replied to the next working day by one of the nurses. Students can still get in touch with the School Nurse in the usual way if they prefer instead. If students wish to find out more about the School Nurse service and to contact them they can go onto Frog and fill in the 0-19 Health Team referral form. The team will then send an appointment time during the school day.

A competition was also launched in assembly for our Future Friday events. Future Friday is organised by the Careers Department and is where guest speakers visit Oxted School each Friday afternoon to speak with students about their career paths and the industry they work in. Years 8 to 13 are able to sign up to the events and Year 7 will be given the opportunity to attend once a month. The graphics for Future Friday are now a little outdated and are in need of freshening up. A competition is running for Years 7, 8 & 9 to restyle and redesign the Future Friday logo. The winners will have their design professionally created and will be invited to watch the process at a local graphic design company. The deadline for entry is Friday 23 March and the entries need to be handed to Ms Lambert in the Careers Office or can be handed to their tutor.

Many students in Year 7 have been doing brilliantly with the Accelerated Reader programme. Congratulations go to the following students who are all Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires and/or Word Multi-Millionaires this term - certificates are being printed and they have a Star on the Library Millionaire display board.

Year 7 Millionaires

Lois Gollings 7DD
Frances Daubeny 7DD
Chloe Baete 7DD
Harriet Wallace 7DY
Mario Tabares 7DY
Anna Brown 7GQ
Neve Sofianos 7DC
Bridie Budgen 7FS
Caitlin Lynch 7SP
Edward Codling 7TK

Year 7 Multi-Millionaires

Anna Brown 7GQ
Harriet Wallace 7DY

All of the quizzes the students complete for the Accelerated Reader mean we are able to count up the number of words each student, and each tutor group has read. We are only able to count the number of words read if students complete the quizzes associated with the books they have finished. Congratulations to 7DY who are currently leading the way with the number of words read in Year 7:

7DY	2,361,510
7DD	2,206,829
7FS	2,157,381
7GQ	2,112,033
7TK	2,052,470
7DC	1,745,110
7SP	1,655,788
7TS	1,494,674
7FW	1,367,802
7FH	1,265,713
7GM	1,130,175
7SH	484,096

A reminder that assessments will be taking place for some of the subjects in the second week back when we return. Any dates of assessments should be put on FROG by the teachers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to promote World Book Day on Thursday 1 March. During the week commencing Monday 26 February all Year 7 lessons across all subjects will begin with 15 minutes of silent reading. Year 7 students should all have a reading book with them every day so this should not pose a problem.

Finally we hope that the students have a restful and relaxing half term and come back fully equipped and prepared for the next half term of making progress!

Have a good half term.

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