

## **Year 7 Parent Notes**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support over this week with the adverse weather conditions. It is never an easy decision to close the school, but the safety of students and staff is the most important thing. Teachers have been putting work on FROG for students to complete so that these days can still be put to good use. Please ensure that your son/daughter is completing the set work so they do not fall behind.

During assembly on Monday the students were reminded that they have a new set of grades which will be released before Easter. Assessments which should have taken place this week will now take place next week. Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare for any assessments and speak to their subject teachers if they are unsure how to prepare.

The main message from assembly was to encourage students to engage with lessons. Making every minute of every lesson count is important to making progress throughout the year. If students don't engage in their lessons then time will feel like it is going slowly. If students engage in their learning then time will go a lot quicker! This principle of how fast or slow time feels was demonstrated in the assembly.

Students were asked to watch a clock for a minute with no other focus and many commented how slow the time felt. A second minute was counted down but this time students were given the task of memorising a list of twenty-five words on the screen. This engaged the students' brains and made the minute feel a lot quicker. Students were then shown two other videos to highlight awareness in lessons and not to miss any important information. These videos will be used again in tutor time next week to allow students to discuss them.

Have a good week.

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