

## **Year 7 Parent Notes**

As the weather starts to turn and autumn and winter draw in, please could you reinforce, at home, the importance of maintaining a good level of attendance at school with your son/daughter. We appreciate that attendance on certain days may not always be feasible, especially in the face of illness, but students should be as resilient as possible and attempt the school day. Where sickness has really taken hold, we encourage pupils to be resourceful and contact their teachers, via email, to request any missed work.

We would like to remind you that next Thursday 5 October is timetabled as a half day to ensure we have time to prepare for our Open Evening taking place from 6pm. A year has passed since you came and visited our school to see if Oxted would be the right choice and we are pleased you made that decision. The evening relies on our students selling their experiences of the school, and so your son/daughter may have been asked to volunteer to either be a tour guide on the evening for prospective students and parents or alternatively they may be helping within a Faculty or Department to promote a subject they enjoy. The enthusiasm of the students is a vital aspect of our school and we thank all those students who are willing to help out.

Hopefully your son/daughter enjoyed their first experience of the sponsored walk. It is a fantastic day and a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know others in their House and also see staff outside of the classroom environment. Upon completion of the walk we urge students to begin seeking their sponsorship money from those that they have listed on their sponsorship form and that any money raised, along with the form, is handed in no later than Monday 30 October 2017.

Tutors will be talking to students this week who have already accumulated behaviour points for either no homework or not having equipment. Equipment checks will be taking place in tutor times to check and monitor Year 7. We will be contacting home for those students who have a high number of behaviour points for no homework and inviting them in for 'Showtime' twice a week after school, with parental agreement. Please continue to check Frog to see what homework your son/daughter has been set and that they are handing it in on time. If you have trouble accessing the FROG Parent Portal or would like to request a login please contact [frog@oxtedschool.co.uk](mailto:frog@oxtedschool.co.uk)

Finally a reminder that Friday 6 October is a school INSET day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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