

## Year 7 Parent Notes

This week two Rail Enforcement Officers and a member of British Transport Police came in to speak to the students during assembly to convey the importance of respectfully using the train network.

A very small minority of students can act inappropriately by not showing respect for the trains, staff, or the members of the public who use them. We are keen to ensure all of our students are informed and educated regarding the expectations of them, whether that is in school or out of school. The students were informed that a member of platform staff at Oxted station will be wearing a body camera to record any inappropriate behaviour; information may then be passed on to Oxted School or the British Transport Police. Students who do not follow the rules or who are rude and disrespectful may have their travel cards taken away. Students could also end up with a criminal record if the Police are involved. Students in assembly were informed this could potentially harm any job or higher education applications in the future.

Students who don't travel by train but who use the buses or coaches were also reminded about their behaviour and conduct as it seems that with the freedom of travelling to secondary school some students have been a little over excited on their rides to and from school. The safety of students is important and we would ask that you discuss this with your son/daughter to make sure they take it seriously and that they realise to be polite and well-mannered at all times as they are representing Oxted. We hope that by having this serious talk early in Year 7, students will remember this information during their time at Oxted School.

Letters were on the school bulletin last week regarding **SHOW**time. Some students in Year 7 have already started to amass behaviour points for missing homework and this is leading to a series of detentions. If we can work to break this before it becomes a habit then it will benefit the progress of the students.

We would like to again congratulate every Year 7 student who completed the sponsored walk last Friday, despite the damp conditions in the morning! It was a very enjoyable event and hopefully every student has been able to raise some money for their efforts. 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.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those students who have helped out with our Open Evening on Thursday. We really do rely on the students sharing their best experiences of life at Oxted School and we hope that they feel they have helped positively contribute to this evening. Year 7 students are the best at talking to prospective parents and students as they have only recently gone through the transition process themselves. We are hugely appreciative of the fact that they have given up their own time to do this in order to encourage the next cohort of students to join our school.

Finally as highlighted in the bulletin last week there is a fantastic array of enrichment clubs and activities which students can participate in. In many cases this may be the first opportunity your son/daughter has had to take part in a brand new club or activity. In order to help promote the wonderful activities we offer each week in the bulletin we will highlight one of these clubs/activities.

The first club/activity of the week is Time Bandits which takes place with Mr Harney.

1. **What is involved?**

History club – also known as Time Bandits will involve a number of different activities delving deeper into the past. Students can discover secrets of the past, hidden histories and topics beyond the curriculum

2. **Who is welcome?**

Time Bandits is primarily aimed at KS3 students who are enthusiastic about history, but there will be KS4 sessions for homework/coursework

3. **When do you meet?**

Every Wednesday lunchtime in F24

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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