

Year 7 Parent Notes

Year 7 students are now a half term into their careers at Oxted and seem very settled with the routine of school. The students will appreciate the rest over half term to recharge their batteries and be ready for another exciting half term of learning and opportunities leading up to Christmas. Next half term we will be focusing on making decisions and ensuring organisation remains a key focus as well as the first set of grades to be reported in December.

There are still some students who are struggling to organise themselves in terms of homework and equipment and this is hindering the progress they could be making in lessons. Please ensure over half term time is set aside to complete any homework set and that students have a full set of equipment ready to begin again with after half term.

The assembly on Monday was led by the Junior Leadership Team. The assembly was used to promote 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox Appeal which we run every year.

We challenge every tutor group in the school to produce at least one shoebox of gifts for a boy or a girl that will be sent to children around the world who may not be able to celebrate Christmas. Year 7 have been set a challenge of producing the most shoeboxes in the whole school and we hope they can donate to provide a better Christmas for children around the world.

For more information about this please see:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

In every Year 7 assembly we will be rewarding students with a prize draw to win one of three £5 Amazon Vouchers. Students will be entered into the draw for every one of the following criteria they meet in the previous school week:

- 100% attendance
- 0 behaviour points
- More than 10 achievement points

Our accelerated reader programme has been running since the start of the year which encourages students to read books at their level before answering quizzes on the book they have read. 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 7DD who are currently leading the way with the number of words read in Year 7:

7DD	2,606,556
7GQ	2,040,845
7DY	1,744,024
7TK	946,476
7DC	724,130
7FH	635,575
7FW	552,453
7FS	467,693
7SP	457,292
7TS	322,605
7SH	106,072
7GM	77,243

The club/activity of the week is Badminton Club which takes place with Mr Stodart and Mr Hilton:

1. **What is involved?**

Badminton courts are set up and students can come and play with a friend or come alone and be paired with another member. Trainers must be worn to play

2. **Who is welcome?**

All students

3. **When do you meet?**

Every Wednesday lunchtime in the Sports Hall

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term.

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