

Year 7 Parent Notes

We hope that the students have returned from half term refreshed and ready to continue to make progress across the next half term. Just before we break for Christmas, students will receive their first set of grades at Oxted School. This will provide an opportunity for students to reflect upon how they have started at Oxted and what they can do to improve in the Spring Term.

In order to help staff grade the students, Year 7 will be sitting summative assessments during the w/c Monday 13 November and Monday 20 November. Teachers will be referring to the upcoming assessments in their lessons and are making it clear **what** the students will be assessed, **how** they will be assessed and **when** the assessments will take place. Staff will also be putting the assessment dates on Frog so you are aware of when they are taking place.

Homework and equipment will continue to be a focus this half term. We will be working with those students who continue to find completing homework an issue and inviting students in to attend **SHOWtime** where appropriate. Students can attend **SHOWtime** without being invited if they wish to utilise the structure and support it provides.

Before half term we met with 15 students to discuss their transition and how well they have settled in to Oxted. Below are some of the comments made by the students:

What are your views on transition and your first weeks at Oxted?

- Transition went quite well
- Teachers helped us to get used to the changes
- Transition Day was a good taster and experience of what Oxted would be like
- There are lots of helpful people in the school – both students and staff
- It was fun, but the size of the school was scary. Once we worked out our way around it was good
- We settled in well
- Transition was good. It felt like a really big school but doesn't anymore

Which subjects are you enjoying and why?

- Music – being able to play instruments and try new things rather than just singing
- Technology – Cooking, Design and Computing all mentioned because they were practical and allowed students to try things not just be told about them
- German – Only French was studied in Primary school so this was new and enjoyable
- Science – Less limits and more resources available so more enjoyable
- Overall it was concluded that there are far more practical experiences which allows students to try new things

Finally, a reminder of all the fantastic opportunities available for students at Oxted. We would hope that every student has taken part in at least one club or activity, if they have not done so please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. Details of the enrichment clubs and activities can be found on the school website <http://www.oxtedschool.org/43/enrichment>

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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