

Year 7 Parent Notes

The majority of students have started fantastically well at Oxted but looking at recent behaviour there are two areas where some students need to improve.

The largest cause of behaviour this year has been lack of homework and lack of equipment in lessons is also a concern. Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to be organised and prepared for school every day with the equipment required for every lesson. Students need to regularly check their homework on FROG and complete it for the date due.

In light of this, on Monday students had an assembly which spoke about the importance of completing homework. Sometimes students don't see the value in completing homework and so during assembly we spoke about a number of reasons why homework is beneficial:

1. Homework teaches time management and how to meet deadlines
2. Homework teaches how to prioritise and plan
3. Homework teaches students to work independently
4. Homework allows students to develop their understanding of school work

The reason we are focussing heavily on homework is because the number of behaviour incidents due to missing homework have increased dramatically for the week after half term.

There were 48 logs for missing homework last week, an increase of 31 on the week before. Students who are accumulating a high number of behaviour points for homework will be invited in to **SHOW**time and/or mentored to find out the barriers to completing homework. Students in assembly were reminded that they can voluntarily attend **SHOW**time on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in F26. If they do attend voluntarily then they will receive achievement points and also may enjoy a hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Students were also informed of a whole school event happening on Friday 9 February 2018: Rule the School! This is the fourth time we are running the event where students from Years 10 -13 have the opportunity to be staff and run the school for the day. Even Mrs Euridge's place as Headteacher will be taken by a student for the day.

KS3 students have been asked to contribute by discussing the day in tutor time and thinking of characteristics which makes a good teacher which will help the interview process of those KS4 and KS5 students who apply.

Please be aware that some sporting clubs may be affected or cancelled for two weeks beginning on Monday 20 November with Year 11 Winter Exams taking place in the halls.

On a final note, as a school this week, we paid our respects to those who gave their lives in the armed forces in conflicts over recent times. There was a special remembrance service that took place during tutor time on Friday led by Mrs Euridge and representatives from each tutor group were present. The Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy gave fitting readings and The Last Post was played by a student. Every tutor group also paid their respects by carrying out two minutes silence at 11.00am to commemorate those lives lost in wars.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a good week.

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