



Forthcoming Events

Meta-Thinking— Strategy Planning

'the ability to approach new learning experiences by actively attempting to connect it to existing knowledge or concepts and hence determine an appropriate way to think about the work

Student Reminders

Check out the Year 7 Team for House events/competitions.

Remember to watch the assembly posted.

Take care of yourself!

- **Have your breaks.**
- **Get away from the screen when you can.**
- **Hand in work at the end of the lesson — even if it's unfinished.**
- **Try to get out every day for a walk and/or some fresh air.**
- **Keep in touch with your friends.**
- **Be patient with you the members in your household.**
- **Know that we are proud of you.**



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It seems like 2021 is flying by and it's hard to believe we are already in February. It seems that virtually all students have now got the hang of remote learning. Furthermore, we have received a number of emails from teachers praising the hard work of our Year 7s. Most notably how sensible and engaged they are in live lessons. All their hard work and efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We would like to send our thanks to parents for their kind messages of support, it means a lot to both the staff here on and off site. It has been a challenging time for everyone; students, parents and staff, and we are proud and impressed with how resilient our students and the community is.

It is important for us to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of limiting students screen time to 5 hours of lessons a day. It is vital that our students follow the school timetable, take regular breaks in between classes and finish the school day at 3pm. Work that is set by the class teacher should be completed within the hour allocated for that subject. We would like to remind students that they need to submit all work completed at the end of the lesson to the assignment tab. Please reassure students that **it isn't vital to complete all tasks**, just to try their best and complete what is possible within the hour. This message has been reinforced with staff and students and we believe this is the best way to support them both academically and for their mental health.

As of last week, we have produced a progress report that allows parents to see the completion rate of assignments each week. This document will be sent via School Comms and will allow you to monitor your child's progress. Should you have concerns in a particular subject, please contact the subject teacher in the first instance. If you have any general questions or concerns regarding this document, please don't hesitate to get in contact with myself or the Year 7 Progress team. We will be monitoring the engagement of the year group closely and be in contact to support in the coming weeks.

Thank you for all your support. Together, we can help our youngsters to continue to progress, despite the challenges being thrust our way. If you notice your child doing something praise worthy—maybe they have shown determination to overcome a problem (perseverance) or have helped others who are struggling (empathy) - please drop an email to their form tutor. We would love to be able to recognise their successes even more.

Laptops and devices

We hope that you are aware that we have a large number of devices available in school for students to take home for home learning. Mr James has written to parents explaining the process for acquiring one of these devices, and we hopefully shouldn't be in the position where any child is having to share devices, or not access their lessons because of a lack of access to technology.

If you would like to order a device for your child, then please fill in the form here, or get in touch with acambio@ccs.northants.sch.uk and I will help:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RwkYclZfkOajLlVMVsZGXqGMkDq0-tAo6Q5nPFZqPxUQUPTQVdCRFNES0VWMIZRVkJKWjZJOFhHUy4u>

Online lessons are going well, and I hope you agree with me that we are setting a great example for other schools in the area to follow with our approach.

Many thanks, and stay safe,

Aless Cambio, Progress Leader Year 7 and the Year 7 Team