



Year 7 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've had some lovely conversations with your children about their start to Secondary School. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the fantastic start we've had with our Year 7 students, as well as share some important reminders and exciting news.

The first term has kicked off on a positive note, and we are delighted to report that our Year 7 students are settling into their new academic journey remarkably well. Their enthusiasm, energy, and eagerness to learn have been truly impressive.

Homework and Grace Period:

While we maintain our expectation that students complete their assigned homework, we understand that there can be occasional hiccups. Therefore, we want to remind you that we currently have a grace period in place for Year 7 students who may forget to bring in their homework on time. This grace period allows them some flexibility while ensuring that they stay on top of their responsibilities. We encourage them to speak to their class teachers if they are struggling with an assignment before the hand in day.

WinBook Purchase Scheme:

There is still an opportunity to take advantage of our WinBook purchase scheme should this be something you are interested in. If you would like any more information about signing up, or have any other queries regarding already purchased devices, please contact; Mrs Nicola Pinch at npinch@ccs.northants.sch.uk.

Lunchtime & Afterschool Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that our lunchtime and after school clubs are in full swing, offering our students a wonderful opportunity to socialise, explore their interests, and make new friends. This information is shared on their Year Team page, and I have also shared below a link to the timetable:

[Year 7-13 Extra-Curricular timetable](#) (please note any changes to our offering for Term 2 will be communicated with staff and students when we return)

Upcoming Events

Start of Term 2:

Monday 30 October
(Week B)

Year 7 Baseline Assessments:

w/c Monday 30 October.
"Mop ups" will be running the following week.



Congratulations to our U12 boys who won their first game in the Football County Cup, scoring 4-1 against Latimer Arts College.



Year 7 student Daisy recently donated 10 inches of her hair for the Little Princess Trust and also raised £292 to further support this wonderful cause. Well done Daisy!



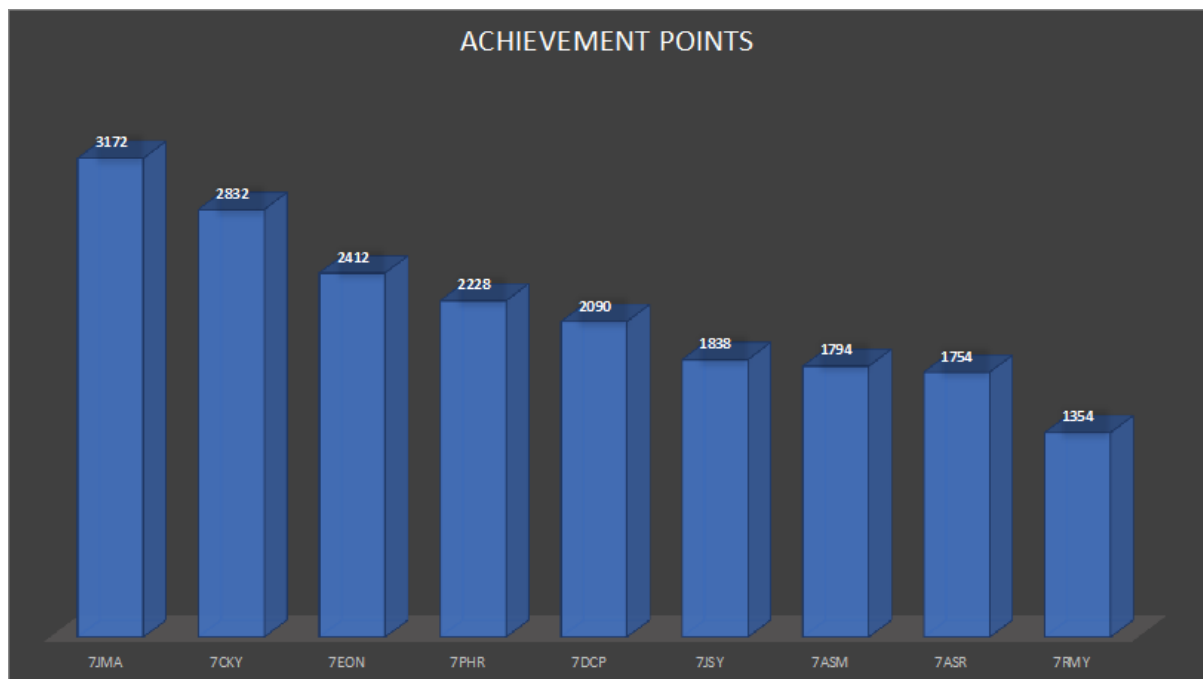
Well done to our U12 girls who also won their first game in the County Cup, with a 5-0 defeat v Malcolm Arnold.

Achievement Points:

We want to keep you updated with their positive achievements points. Year 7 students have collectively earned a total of 19,474 achievement points so far, which is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and positive contributions to the school community.

Certificates were handed out in the celebration assembly this week. Our tutors are awarding everybody with 50 achievement points a certificate as a special Year 7 incentive before they join the official school system shown below in order to encourage the positive behaviour we expect at Caroline Chisholm School.

We encourage you to celebrate these achievements with your children and continue to motivate them to excel in their studies and extracurricular activities.



Reminders

Going into the new term there are a few things that I would like to draw to your attention.

School communication

In the first instance you should always be contacting your child's form tutor or their subject teacher. This can be done directly through Edulink. If there is cause for concern where an incident needs to be dealt with, form tutors will pass that onto Mr Colman and I.

Please bear with staff, as well as carrying out their roles within the Year group, they are also subject teachers and may work part time. If you have not heard back within an appropriate amount of time, please feel free to get in touch directly with myself.

Reporting an absence

In the case of a child being absent from school due to illness, parents are expected to inform the school each day of absence and have two options to report their absence:

1. Leave a message on the school's absence line, with details of your child's full name, form, reason for absence and expected date of return.

Primary **01604 272572** / Secondary **01604 264320**.

Or

2. Report via [Edulink One](#), for absence up to 5 days.

If a message is not received through either of these methods, it will be assumed that your child should be attending school. **Please do not email teachers or form tutors.**

Parents who have failed to inform the school of their child's absence will receive an email or text message; parents then have the remainder of the school day to contact the attendance line through one of the methods listed above. If no contact has been made by 3:30pm, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Absences due to illness will normally be authorised once you tell us. Please note that in cases of absence more than five days, we may need the support of medical evidence.

Absence due to the funeral of a close family member, medical appointments, music exams and driving tests (up to half a day) will be authorised, provided advance notice is given to the school. Please [click here](#) for more information on requesting an absence.

Absences for any other reason (planned absences more than half a day) will only be authorised at the discretion of the Principal. To seek this authorisation, parents should submit a Request of Absence form as soon as possible before the planned absence.

Once again I'd like to thank you for your continued support of the school and would like to congratulate the Year 7s on a successful first half term.

Kind regards,

Miss E Johnson
Performance Leader of Year 7