

# Year 7 Newsletter

## The First Half Term



Autumn 1 - 2021

### WELCOME FROM HEAD OF YEAR.

A warm welcome to all the parents and carers of our Year 7 cohort. After an eager wait over the summer break, we were finally able to open our gates to the Year 7 on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Although the first experience in Year 7 for your child was different due to the lateral flow testing taking place, students showed a lot of resilience and maturity. As the term has gone by, new friendships have started to emerge and students have coped extremely well with the new routines, whilst getting to grips with our broad and varied curriculum. I am proud of how well our Year 7 cohort has adapted to life at Park High and it has been lovely seeing students getting involved in all the different extra-curricular activities we have on offer. Our form tutors are extremely keen to share their thoughts and observations on our new Year 7. I hope you enjoy reading their comments further on in this newsletter. I will be recording a virtual information evening for all Year 7 parents/carers in the not too distant future. There will be an InTouch message sent out about this, so please keep an eye out for this as well as other information for parents/carers. If you have any specific questions relating to Year 7 please email in to [parentsquestions@parkhighstanmore.org.uk](mailto:parentsquestions@parkhighstanmore.org.uk)

A number of our Year 7 students have had the opportunity to engage in lessons from the Forest School within our own grounds. The Forest School is a child centered inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. The lessons support play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self esteem through learner inspired, hands on experiences in a natural setting. I hope you have an enjoyable half term and that your child is able to recharge their learning batteries. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming year. **Mrs Kabaria- Head of Year 7.**

### YEAR 7 FIRST TERM EXPERIENCES

*"It was so scary starting a new school with new people, but everyone here has been so friendly and kind."*

*"It's so exciting that we get to study different subjects and get to move around the building to get to lessons"*

*"The Year 7 after school clubs are so fun. I really enjoy going to them and they have helped me to form new friendships here at Park High!"*

*"Settling in club has really helped to calm my nerves and anxiety, and I am feeling more confident in secondary school."*

*"The teachers here are so nice and they always help and support you if you ever need anything."*

**Whole School messages: LFD Testing:** Please continue to undertake LFD testing twice a week- regular testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission. Thank you for continuing to support this programme.

**Punctuality:** A reminder that we expect students on the school site before 8:30am.

**Uniform:** We regularly see excellent standards of school uniform across our school community. Please be reminded that black trainers and hooded tops are not permitted. Students who wear trainers to school will be expected to wear sanitized plimsolls as an alternative.

**Jewellery and Nails:** As per our uniform policy, jewellery should be discreet and facial piercings are not permitted. Nails should be of a reasonable length.

**Support for school counselling:** Members of our Counselling Partnership team walked between 25-100km to raise much needed funds for this service which will enable us to keep it in our school. If you are able to please donate <https://gofund.me/933b7c3f> all donations gratefully received.

*Year 7 Team*

*Head of Year: Mrs Kabaria & Pastoral Support: Mrs Ali*

*SLT Link: Mr Whittaker*

7AG have settled in so well in their first few weeks at Park High. They are a very respectful, enthusiastic, and attentive group who contribute well to class discussions. I am very impressed with their maturity and emotional intelligence during PSHCE lessons and look forward to more thought-provoking discussions in the weeks to come. I have received multiple emails from their teachers informing me about their outstanding effort and engagement in lessons, and in particular, their impeccable behaviour around the school. I have no doubt that 7AG will maintain their high standards and continue to excel throughout this academic year. **Mr Baig, 7AG**

7JF have settled in well, overall. I can see that new friendships are being formed and I am very pleased with the way they have all been able to organise themselves. They are a happy group and one which I can see is ready to learn. **Mr Frankcom, 7JF**

7SN have made a wonderful start to their journey at Park High School. They are an energetic, lively, and extremely organised group of young people and I am proud of the way they have helped each other in the last few weeks. We have had two Stars of the Week since our time together began and almost everyone in the tutor group has been nominated for doing a kind act; it has been wonderful hearing about all the lovely things 7SN have been doing to support one another. There is a genuine love of learning among our young people, and they have thoroughly enjoyed all their new subjects and experiences. Many have joined clubs and become involved in the community of the school and many plan to do so. In our tutor times and PSHCE, there is an atmosphere of kindness, friendship, inclusivity, and thoughtfulness in the room. The students have built up positive and long-lasting relationships with their peers and teachers. I look forward to spending more time with the tutor group and watching them continue their journey throughout the school. **Miss Samani, 7SN**

7FF have settled into their new life at Park High well in the last few weeks. From making new friends to finding their way around the school, the form has encouraged and supported each other. The students have been respectful towards each other and have built up a team spirit. 7FF are an inquisitive and thoughtful form, we have had thought provoking debates about articles we have read during DEAR, excellent discussions around our PSCHCE lessons. We had a new arrival into our form and the class have been very supportive and welcoming of our new student, showing them around school and keeping them company during break and lunchtime. We have no doubt that our form will continue to make us feel proud. **Miss Sakkaf and Mr Bury, 7FF**

7WN have made a fantastic start to their Park High journey and are settling in superbly. Our lovely tutees have formed supportive friendships and impress us every morning during tutor time with their enthusiasm, organisation, and positive energy. Our classroom always looks tidy, and every student has been very helpful in ensuring our learning environment remains clean. During assemblies, we could not have wished for a better conduct, and uniforms are always perfect. We have enjoyed some wonderful class discussions in a respectful and sensible way in our PSHCEE lessons, DEAR time and prefix-of-the-week sessions. Well done! 7WN has made us very proud so far, and we have no doubt it will continue. **Mrs Wilson and Mr Kikas, 7WN**

7EA have done an amazing job of settling into their new school – they have formed new friendships, got to know their teachers and the school site, and tackled new subjects. As a group, they are curious, enthusiastic, resilient and full of encouragement for each other. They have made contributions during assembly, supported others and been a real credit to the Park High community. We have been particularly impressed with their behaviour and engagement during form time and PSHCE where they have participated in class discussions with thoughtfulness and insight, commenting on each other's contributions. We look forward to continuing to watch them progress on their secondary school journey and develop as individuals. **Miss Arsenieva and Mr Baxter, 7EA**

7MK have settled into the routines of school well. It is lovely to see so many in the form keeping their contact books neat and well organised as well as ensuring that they are organised with their PE kit, classwork and timings throughout the school day. The students have been respectful towards each other and have built up a team spirit within the form class. Tutees have gotten stuck into extracurricular clubs and some of our pupils have also benefitted from the work they do in Forest School. 7MK have been learning about resilience and friendship during PSHCEE, a topic I am sure will lead to fruitful outcomes for all in the form. **Ms Kerai, 7MK**

7AD have settled well. We both enjoying having them in our tutor group. Delivering PHSCee as well as doing activities in registration time has given us the opportunity to build good relationship with them. **Mrs Dassanayake and Mr Scott, 7AD**

7AP have made a positive start to their Year 7 experience. Students have made some lovely friendships and it has been great to see how the tutor group have adapted to life in secondary school. I am really enjoying getting to know them all and we have had some very positive discussions in tutor time and during PSHCEE lessons. **Mr Potts, 7AP**

**Most achievement points: Liya Karsan 7AP (48 achievement points!)**

**Best form attendance: 7MK 97.5%**

#### **Star of the weeks:**

To continue supporting our students and recognise good behaviour and progression, we will be introducing Star of the Week after half term. Teachers will be asked to nominate students, a name will be picked at random, and students will be presented with a Star of the Week badge in assemblies on Fridays.



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