



18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## How to help your child become a successful student

I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all who were able to attend the Year 7 Information Evening. It was truly heartening to see so many of you there, engaging with our staff and showing interest in your child's educational journey. However, we do understand that on-going commitments can make it challenging to attend after school events, so please see below a summary of key points from the Information Evening:

**Positive Start:** The Year 7 students have made an exceptional beginning to their time with us. Their enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitude towards learning have been evident, and we are proud of each one of them.

**Our Curriculum:** We have designed our curriculum with a focus on ensuring that students not only cover a breadth of topics, but also master key areas in depth. This approach allows students to build strong foundational skills, upon which they can expand their knowledge in the coming years.

**Growth Mindset:** Central to our teaching philosophy is the fostering of a growth mindset. We believe that every student has the potential to succeed with the right effort, strategies, and support. We encourage students to embrace challenges, learn from feedback and see effort as a path to mastery.

**Curriculum Booklet:** For parents and carers who could not make it to the information evening, we have sent home a curriculum booklet with your child. This booklet provides a detailed overview of the subjects and topics your child will be studying this year. If you do not receive it, you can access the booklet on the school [website](#).

**ClassCharts Access:** To keep you informed about your child's progress and behaviour, letters providing parental access to ClassCharts will be distributed shortly. This platform is an invaluable tool that allows you to stay up-to-date with your child's homework and other assignments.

**New SIMS App:** We are trialling a new SIMS app designed to empower you in terms of your child's education. This app will provide you with real-time updates on punctuality to lessons, missed homework and forgotten equipment. You will have already received information about how to download and access this, but if you require any support then please get in touch.

**Key Dates for the Year:** Please see the list below of important dates for the academic year. We recommend saving these dates in your calendar to ensure you are aware of up-coming events, parent-teacher meetings, and other school activities.

27<sup>th</sup> September – Staff INSET (School is closed)  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October – Activity Day  
9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October – CAT4 Assessments  
7<sup>th</sup> November – Reports  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Tutors Evening  
30<sup>th</sup> November – History Trip to Warwick Castle  
7<sup>th</sup> February – Reports  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Assessment Week  
9<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Whipsnade Zoo  
15<sup>th</sup> July – Reports

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our commitment to working collaboratively with you to ensure that your child has a rewarding and enriching experience in Year 7. We understand the crucial role that parents and carers play in a child's education, and we look forward to partnering with you in this journey.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification on any of the points discussed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

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Deputy Headteacher