

OVINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ovingham, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6DE

Headteacher: Mr A Bennett



9th October 2018

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

I can hardly believe that we have reached October already! Our Year 7 pupils have settled back into school life and routines well and they are starting to get used to the differences that come with jumping up to the next Key Stage.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils, who have taken up new roles this year and wish them lots of success;

School Council representatives

7DE Katherine and Harry

7OP George and Millie

7PA Jazmine and Oliver

Librarians

7DE Katherine and Mara

7OP Zeinab

7PA Emma and Ana

I am pleased to see that most pupils have kept up the good habits from Year 6, by wearing the correct uniform and coming to school with the equipment needed for each day. For clarity, I would like to take this opportunity to inform/remind you /reinforce some of the routines and expectations that we have in Year 7.

Organisation

Unlike in Year 6, pupils do not have trays in desks in their form room, so they need to organise themselves a little more by looking at their timetable for the next day and only bringing in what they need for that day. Essential items should include their pencil case, locker key, reading book and homework diary. Please check your child's timetable for P.E. and Games lessons to make sure their kit is ready for those days. The locker is the only place a Year 7 pupil can store their belongings (apart from mobile phones, which must be switched off and handed in to the office for safe-keeping before morning registration), therefore they must make sure they their key with them every day.

Behaviour

As a school we use house points as rewards for good work and behaviour. These house points are collected individually for pupils to gain milestone certificates, as a class to win the weekly house point cup and as a house to gain a special reward at the end of each half term. Poor behaviour is initially dealt with by the subject or form teacher and may result in a break or lunchtime detention. More serious incidents will be dealt with by myself and Parents/Carers will be contacted.

Homework

The homework diary is an important method of communication between home and school, please can you sign your child's diary at the end of each week to show us you have seen the diary and any notes for that week. It is very important that pupils complete homework to the best standard they can and that they meet homework deadlines. Please encourage your child to come and ask for help, either at homework club



or to their subject teacher if they are unsure rather than just not doing it. A member of the Year 7 team is available every day from 1:00 -1:25pm to give help and support where needed. Failure to hand in a piece of homework will be recorded in the child's diary. Mr Pusey would like to make you aware that there are a wide range of Science videos on the school website ('Student zone' section - which can be accessed by clicking on the 'For pupils' tab at the top of the website). These cover everything they need to know in Y7 and Y8 Science.

Important dates for Year 7 Autumn Term:

Friday 26 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 5 th November	Return to school
Tuesday 6 th November	Pastoral parents evening
Wednesday 7 th November	Pastoral parents evening
Friday 2 1 st December	Year 7 cinema visit
Friday 2 1 st December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 8 th January	Return to school

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself, Mr Pusey or Mr Addyman if you have any problems or queries.

Kind regards

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Head of Year 7