

Year 7 Newsletter

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Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to all who attended our recent Year 7 Partnership Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into the academy, and we are pleased to share that we had an excellent turnout, with 75% of families represented on the evening.

This strong level of engagement reflects the shared commitment between home and school to support our students in their transition to secondary education. Events like these are a valuable opportunity for us to build meaningful relationships with families, celebrate the progress students have made so far, and discuss how we can work together to ensure their continued success and wellbeing.

We hope you found the evening informative and reassuring, whether it was through conversations with your child's teachers, exploring their academic progress, or learning more about the pastoral support available. Your involvement and interest send a powerful message to the students about the importance of their learning journey.

Mr Hughes

Mrs Boylan



Achievement Leader



Head of Year

Achievement

Congratulations to Ava P who received Student of the Month for March.

Ava P - Ava over the course of March received 306 positive points and no negative points. Ava has a YTD attendance 100%. She is a great role model for other students at the academy and always has a smile on her face. She is a polite well mannered student. Ava in tracking 3 was in our top 3 students for her attitude to learning in all subjects. Well done Ava well deserved and keep up the excellent work.

A huge congratulations to our incredible Year 7 girls' football team, who recently reached the final of the St Helens Cup and proudly came away with runners-up medals.

The team showed exceptional determination and teamwork throughout the tournament, earning their place in the final with a string of impressive performances. Although the final result didn't go our way, the girls demonstrated outstanding resilience, refusing to give up and playing with heart and spirit until the very last whistle.

Their positive attitude, sportsmanship, and commitment to each other were truly inspiring and made everyone at The Sutton Academy incredibly proud. Reaching the final is a fantastic achievement in itself, and we know this is only the beginning of what this talented group can accomplish in the future.

Well done, girls - you represented the academy brilliantly both on and off the pitch!



Home Learning Focus

Year 7 have made such a great start with their home learning/independent study. As an achievement leader I have spoken to the year group about the importance of homework to help with their learning and understanding of the subject. Please can you continue to encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability. If there are any issues with completing homework or if your child needs support please speak to the year team.

Just a reminder about what we expect of students in Year 7 in regards to home learning and revision.

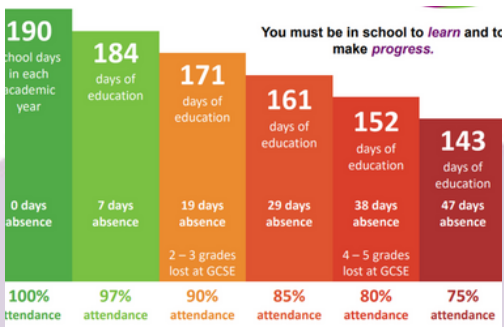
- 30 minutes of English – Sparx Reader
- 30 minutes of Maths – Sparx Maths
- 30 minutes of Science
- 30 minutes of History/Geography/RE and Spanish

At Partnership Evening I shared with parents some tips and advice to support your child with their home learning. I have included this tip sheet with this newsletter to support and help parents with your child at home. As mentioned all home learning is found on the Class Charts platform and if you need your password then please let the year team know.

Attendance Matters

As always, one of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We strive that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative – thank you for your continued efforts with this.

Poor attendance can result in poor outcomes for your child. Please see the bar chart below at the impact that poor attendance can have on your child's GCSE results.



Trips and Events

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our Summer Concert, which will take place on Tuesday 1st July in the Arts Centre here at The Sutton Academy.

This much-anticipated event is a celebration of our students' creativity, dedication, and talent across music. The evening promises to be a fantastic showcase of the hard work students have put into rehearsals over the past term.

Whether your child is performing or you simply enjoy supporting the arts, we warmly encourage you to join us for what is sure to be an uplifting and memorable evening. The Summer Concert is a great opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the incredible achievements of our young performers.

Further details, including ticket information and timings, will be shared shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the talents of our students together!

Assessment Focus

As we approach the final half-term of the academic year, students will soon be sitting their Tracking 3 assessments, which begin the week of 9th June. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned, reflect on their progress, and identify areas for continued growth.

At this stage, building strong revision habits is key. Effective revision not only helps students feel more confident and prepared, but also supports long-term learning and retention of key knowledge and skills. We are encouraging all students to begin their revision early and approach their preparation with a clear and structured plan which is part of what we can our Revision Revolution.

Miss Gobin and subject teachers will be providing guidance on what to revise, how to revise effectively, and offering strategies tailored to each subject. Revision timetables, subject-specific resources, and study techniques—such as flash cards and completing homeworks—can make a significant difference.

We kindly ask for your support at home in helping students manage their time well, limit distractions, and maintain a balanced routine that includes breaks, exercise, and sleep.

We are confident that, with the right preparation and support, every student can approach these assessments with a positive mindset and perform to the best of their ability.

Enrichment

The Sutton Academy extra-curricular programme provides students with a broad, exciting and aspirational programme. It includes sporting clubs, as well as a wide range of weekly subject specific offerings.

There are two main reasons to attend extra-curricular activities. Firstly, the catch up and revision sessions are a fantastic tool to help accelerate your academic achievement. Whether you missed a lesson, want to improve your depth of knowledge or need help with coursework, then these catch up/revision sessions will provide you with the support needed.

Reading Spotlight

Students in Year 7 in ready to learn this half term have been reading 'Black and British' by David Olusoga. Please speak to your child about the novel and the themes within it.



For reading at home please encourage your child to be reading using Sparx Reader. Also encourage your child to read for pleasure. Improving reading ages will improve vocabulary, improving assessment outcomes and improve reading ages.

Year 7 students also have access to a 'Reading Journey' journal where students can complete reviews about the novels that they have read. Well done to Alice Barrow. S who wrote two outstanding reviews about the novels that she had read. This was very well detailed and I encourage all students to complete these with parental support.

Congratulations to the following students who scored the most points for Sparx Reader in April...

- 3rd – Olivia. M – 1645 points
- 2nd – Mayar. A – 2104 points
- 1st – Alice Barrow.S – 2629 points

Secondly, extra-curricular activities allow you to gain experience and skills in areas not typically part of your everyday curriculum. By opting into these new experiences, you can enhance personal attributes that are extremely desirable to future employers and further education providers.

With the lighter evenings arriving it would be great to see more Year 7 students attending our extracurricular program. Please follow this link to see what clubs are available for your child to attend.