



Year 7 Newsletter

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Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers, I would like to take a moment to reflect on how well Year 7 pupils have settled.

The Year 7 students have made an outstanding start to high school, settling in with confidence, positivity, and enthusiasm. They have set a remarkably high standard in living out our four core values each day. Through their kindness, they have shown respect and care for one another and for staff, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment. Their resilience has been evident as they have embraced new routines, challenges, and expectations with determination and a willingness to learn. As part of a community, they have demonstrated a strong sense of belonging, supporting each other and taking pride in being active members of the school.

They have also been reflective, thoughtfully considering their learning and behaviour and showing a genuine desire to grow and improve. Their efforts so far are to be commended, and they have laid an exceptional foundation for a successful high school journey.

I am extremely proud of the year group and look forward to see what we can achieve together.

Year 7 Team



Miss Ayrton
Achievement
Leader



Mr Friar
Head of
Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year



Mrs Dempsey
Assistant
Principal

Achievement

The academy values are designed in a way so that everyone can demonstrate and cultivate them through practice and support; every one of our students has the ability to become the type of person we believe they can and should be.

As we continue to celebrate the ongoing success of our Year Group we would like to spotlight the following students for the highest number of Achievement Points in demonstrating our Academy Values:

Kind – Isla P
Reflective – Oliver H
Part of a Community – Madison W
Resilient – Alan M

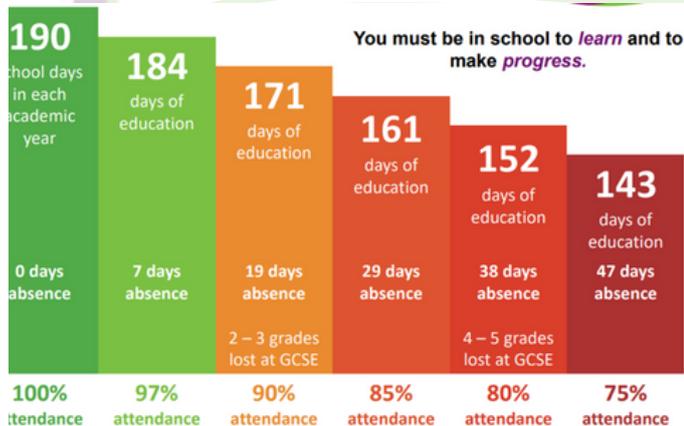
Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Mayas Ali

Student of the Term – Valentina Case

Student of the month – Congratulations to our winners so far this academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of the students.

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. Everyday counts.



WINNER

Student of the Month



Extra Curricular and Enrichment

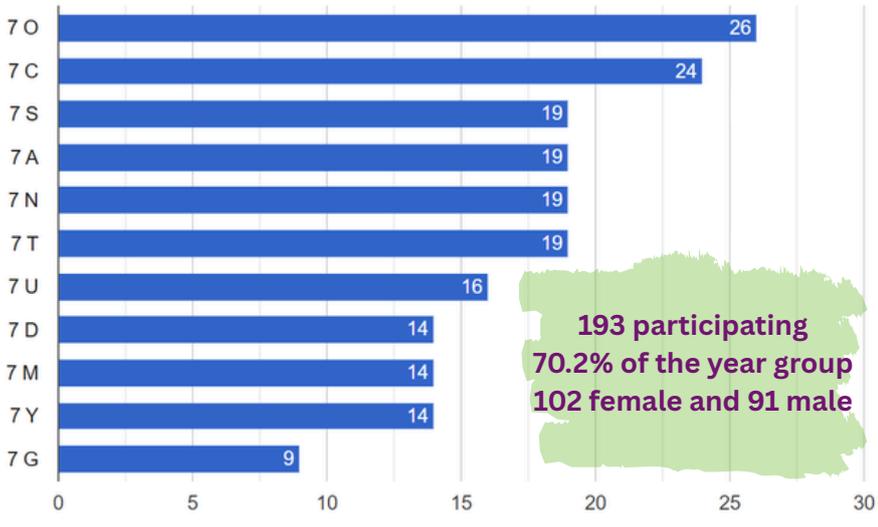
Extra-curricular activities are a great way for students to make new friends, increase confidence and relieve stress.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (AUTUMN TERM 2025)

GET ACTIVE **GET CREATIVE** **GET INSPIRED**

Day	Club	Teacher	Venue	Time	Year Groups
Monday	Dance Club	Sixth Form Students	Dance Studio	2.45-3.45pm	10
	Homework Club	Mrs Hilditch	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
	Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.40pm	7
	Learn to speak German	Mrs Roby	FG01	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
Tuesday	Dance Club	Miss Mitchell	Dance Studio	2.45-3.45pm	7
	Boys Rugby League	Mr Cawley	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10
	Boys Football	Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	8
	Girls Rugby League	Mrs Egerton	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
	Multi-Sports Club	Ms Whiteside/Mrs Allen	Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
	Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.40pm	7
	Chess Club	Mrs Boudy	AG03	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
	Italian Conversation Club	Miss King	AF03	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
	Homework Club	Mrs Nutall	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	10, 11, 12/13
	Wednesday	Netball	Ms Whiteside / Miss Lithgow / Miss Lithgow	Main Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm
Boys Football		Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
Martial Arts		Mr Williams	Side Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10, 11, 12/13
Boys Rugby League		Mr Sutcliffe	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	9
Darts Club (Lunch A)		Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.40pm	7
Art Club		Miss Degnan	DG08	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
Homework Club		Mrs Nutall	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Humanities Club		Miss Evans/Mr Yates/ Mrs Fawcett	EF10	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
Dungeons and Dragons club		Mr Gilhooly	AG14	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
Computing and Robotics club		Mr Lawton	EG03	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
Thursday	Basketball	Mr Langford	Main Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
	Boys Football	Mr Holme	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	10
	Girls Football	Mr Appleton	Pitch	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
	Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.40pm	7
	Dance Club	Mrs Egerton	Side Sports Hall	2.45-3.45pm	10
	Choir	Mr Walker/ Mr York	CG01	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9
	Homework Club	Mr Ogborn	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
	Gold Social	Mrs Bourne	Gold	2.45-3.45pm	Gold Students
	Debate Club	Mrs Roby / Mr Lovelady	Library	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
	Sutton Newspaper (Starts 25 th September)	Miss Pennington/Mr Unsworth	BG2B	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
Friday	Year 11 Football	Mr Langford	Astro Turf	2.45-3.45pm	11
	Darts Club (Lunch A)	Mr Dean	Community Room	12.10-12.40pm	7
	Concert Band	Mr Walker/Mr York	CG01	2.45-3.45pm	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12/13
	Dance Club	Mrs Miller	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	8
	Homework Club	Mr Ogborn	EG02	2.45-3.45pm	ALL YEARS
Maths Club	Mr Oulton	BF04	2.45-3.45pm	10, 11, 12/13	

Students Attended at least one club by Tutor Group:01/09/2025 - 08/01/2026



193 participating
70.2% of the year group
102 female and 91 male

Assessment Focus

Term one saw our first round of tracking assessments for Year 7 students, they tackled these with resilience and determination to achieve their full potential which was evident in the latest tracking results sent home before with Winter break.

This half term students will sit their core assessments (English, Maths and Science) in exam conditions and other assessments in their classrooms. These assessments begin on **Monday 19th January** and will run for two weeks. Information regarding revision topics can be found in booklets students are given in assembly as well as on the academy website.

Revision Booklets



Reading Spotlight

Sparx Reader helps every student to read regularly, which is vital for building literacy skills. Your children will be completing weekly reading homework using Sparx Reader.

Well done to our current top 10 Sparx Reader students:

1. Niamh W
2. Jenson B
3. Jasmine W
4. Emily R
5. Teegan F
6. Olivia P
7. Emmanuel S
8. Dylan C
9. Millie R-D
10. Penny L



Curriculum Spotlight

In **English** your child has been studying the characteristics of myths, heroes, and villains, and working on enhancing their own descriptive writing.

In **Maths** your child has been studying place value, ordering numbers, calculations with decimals, powers, roots, rounding, factors and multiples.

In **Science** your child has been studying safety in the lab, key skills and properties of materials.

In **Geography** your child has been studying geographical skills, including four & six figure grid referencing and measuring distance using scale.

In **History** your child has been studying migration to England pre-1066. They have been developing their historical skill of significance.

In **RE** your child has been studying what religion is. They have studied an outline of the Abrahamic and Dharmic religions.

Home Learning Focus

Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom. It is The Sutton Academy's policy to set home learning using ClassCharts. All students have been issued their codes for class charts if you are experiencing any problems with ClassCharts please contact the year team

We have had great success as a year group with homework completion. We understand that having to complete homework in secondary school can be daunting particularly if they have had no experience of it during primary school.

We have a number of home learning apps the students are expected to log in to and complete tasks. Students should now be confident accessing these. If you feel your child is struggling with this, please let the year team know.

Home learning is a form of revision! Homework is an important part of learning because it gives children the opportunity to revisit and practise what they have already been taught in class. By completing homework tasks, pupils can reinforce key skills and concepts, build confidence, and identify any areas they may need more support with. This regular revision helps to strengthen understanding over time and supports long-term learning, rather than introducing new content. Homework club is open to all year 7 at lunch times and afterschool each day.

Year 7 Homework Club
Everyday in EG02 from 2:40pm
– 3:30pm



Trips and Events

During the last half term, students took part in a range of activities as part of our House Competition, which focused on supporting our local community. We're delighted to share that Sun House led the way with the highest number of donations.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, over 900 items of food and essential everyday items were collected and donated to The Hope Centre, helping to support individuals and families in need

We have had a number of events take place that rewarded students who attended extra curricular clubs. Over 80% of the year group have been involved in at least 1 club. This allowed them access to have opportunities to attend escape room trips as well as chill factor. All students involved enjoyed every minute.



Get ready for an unforgettable event as 12 of our amazing staff members take the stage in mascot costumes, singing their favourite songs – all to raise funds for student enrichment activities!

Event Schedule:

Round 1: Monday 19 January

Round 2: Tuesday 20 January

The Final: Wednesday 21 January

Venue: Arts Theatre

Time: 2:40 PM – 4:45 PM

Tickets: £3.00 each



On sale via Arbor Pay under 'School Shop'.
Extras:
Enjoy treats from our cash-only tuck shop during the show!
Don't miss this fun-filled event – secure your tickets early!