

# Year 7 Newsletter

Issue 2 - January 2025

## Welcome

Happy New Year to you all and thank you for taking the time to read our Year 7 Newsletter.

I have begun the year by speaking to all our students within the year group about making a great start to this year. I have asked students to focus on one aspect of their school life that they would like to change for the better. This could be receiving less behaviour points, getting more organised with completing home learning, improving attendance, joining an after school club or reading more. Please find the time to sit down with your child and discuss one aspect of their learning that they would want to improve and discuss a strategy about how they are going to achieve this.

Mr Hughes



Achievement Leader

Mrs Boylan



Head of Year

## Aspirations

As part of our Ready to Learn programme, students learn about careers and aspirations. As part of this aspirations programme, students are currently learning about their journey of being 'their best self'. This involves students being reflective in thinking about their futures and their careers and aspirations. As part of this students need to think about themselves and their strengths, thinking about what is important to them, role models and where they could go post 16. Please have a chat with your child and see what aspirations they may have about their futures and we will do what we can to help and support them with this.

## Achievement

Congratulations to Isaac. A who received Student of the Month for November.

Isaac has shown a tremendous amount of perseverance and resilience in trying to get a Year 7 rugby team up and running. He has arranged times to meet with boys from Year 7 at break times and lunch times to discuss getting a team together. He has now succeeded and has enough players for his Year 7 team. Isaac has also made a fantastic start to his time at the academy having 100% attendance and in achieving 197 positive points for the month of November.

As you may be aware, we also held our Christmas Celebration Assembly in the final week of term. This involved rewarding students for their attitude to learning in subject areas, attendance, academy values and behaviour in school. Well done to all students who received a reward and certificate!



## 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.

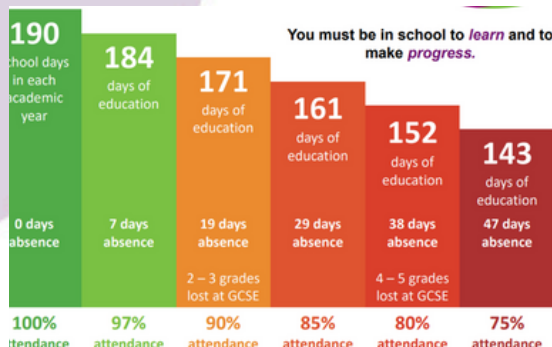
- 30 minutes of English – Sparx Reader
- 30 minutes of Maths – Sparx Maths
- 30 minutes of Science
- 30 minutes of History / Geography / Religious Education and Spanish

Mr Hodgson (Assistant Principal) has written to you all recently about the importance of completing home learning. He has also highlighted our new sanction policy for non-completion of home learning. As mentioned, all home learning is found on the Class Charts platform and if you need your password then please let me 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.



Find us here:





At the academy we see the relationship between home and education as paramount. We are aware that there are a number of reasons that parents and carers would want to contact staff at the academy.

The Sutton Academy is an organisation with a large number of staff and students and so we want to ensure that there is clarity on how to contact certain staff and what the expectations are on our 'communication promise' to you in terms of responding.

We appreciate that at times parents/carers may request a face-to-face meeting with staff. We will always endeavour to facilitate parental meetings; however, we cannot guarantee this if a parent/carer arrives at reception without an appointment. This is because staff have a range of duties and commitments that cannot be covered at short notice.

If a parent/carer arrives at reception without an appointment, they will be able to leave their details and an appointment will be made with the relevant Year Team for a later date. In the case of a serious safeguarding issue, a member of the safeguarding team will be made available immediately. The promise is related to telephone contact made or by messages sent in via email or the School Gateway app.

We understand that some parents/carers will contact staff direct via email but unfortunately, we cannot monitor when or how these are responded to, and so we advise that if you have any concerns to please follow the information that can be found on our website.

**CLICK HERE**



Students will be completing their next set of tracking assessments for English, Maths and Science.

These assessments will commence week beginning **Monday 20th January and will be completed by Monday 27th January.** I was so incredibly proud of how well students within the year group revised for their tracking 1 exams, creating and revising from flashcards. Students again will be informed in assembly this week about the importance of revision. Please encourage them to revise for these assessments.

We are hoping again that students can demonstrate their revision skills and win this round of Revision Revolution competition set by Miss Gobin. Tracking 2 results will be sent out mid-March.

If you have any worries or queries about your child's tracking data, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Trips and Events

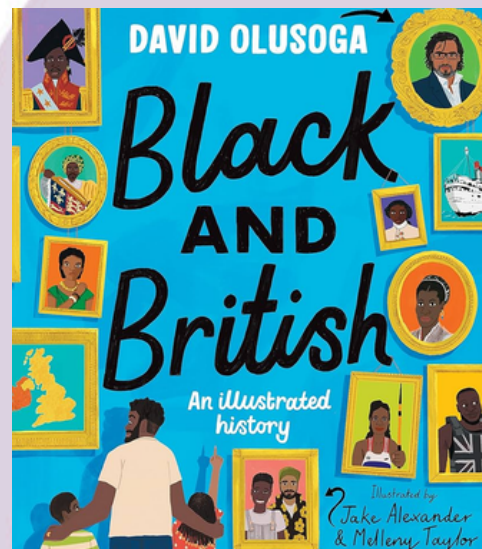
Dates for your diary we have our **Year 7 Partnership Evening which will be taking place on Thursday 27th March.** This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about how they have settled into the academy and how they are performing in lessons. We encourage all parents/carers to attend.

Year 7 students will also be taking part in our **annual Dance Show which will commence on Tuesday 11th February until Thursday 13th February.**



Year 7 students will also be taking part in our **annual Rock Night which will be held on Wednesday 26th March.** Ticket information will be sent out to parents/carers in due course.

During Ready To Learn this half term, students 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. It would also be fantastic if you could encourage your child to read for enjoyment. Students are able to borrow books from our library to support with their reading. Reading not only improves vocabulary and outcomes but can also support students in helping them to relax and unwind.



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

**3rd** – Mayar. A – 5074 points

**2nd** – Alice B.S – 6014 points

**1st** – Dominic. C – 6114 points



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.

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.

I spoke recently to Year 7 about setting themselves a resolution to try one of our clubs. Please encourage your child to attend these at least one of these clubs.

You can find a link to the extra-curricular timetable on our website by following the link -



## SPOTLIGHT CLUBS

**WHAT?**  
**PARKOUR AND BREAKING**

**WHEN?**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**WHERE?**  
**DANCE STUDIO**

**What time?**  
**2.45-3.45PM**

**SESSIONS RAN BY UC CREW.**  
**SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART**

**WHAT?**  
**SPANISH CLUB**

**WHEN?**  
**EVERY TUESDAY**

**WHERE?**  
**AG02**

**What time?**  
**2.45-3.45PM**

**¡ATENCIÓN! ¡ATENCIÓN!**

**SESSIONS RAN BY MISS CABANA.**  
**IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUPILS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SPANISH CULTURE AND TO PRACTICE THEIR SPANISH. SESSION FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.**

**WHAT?**  
**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**

**WHEN?**  
**EVERY MONDAY**

**WHERE?**  
**SIDE SPORTS HALL**

**What time?**  
**2.45-3.45PM**

**SESSIONS RAN BY ST HELENS MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS ACADEMY. SESSIONS ARE £10 FOR 10 WEEKS- SIGN UPS ON MICROSOFT FORM SENT HOME AND AVAILABLE ON CLASS CHARTS**

**WHAT?**  
**SCIENCE CLUB**

**WHEN?**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**WHERE?**  
**A BLOCK**

**What time?**  
**2.45-3.45PM**

**THIS WEEK STUDENTS WILL BE EXTRACTING DNA FROM STRAWBERRIES! SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO TAKE PART.**

## "Cinderella- You shall go to the Ball!"

Our Cinderella Pantomime Production has been cast, and rehearsals are taking every Tuesday and Wednesday after school ahead of live shows taking place in March 2025! We would like to take the time to congratulate all those who auditioned for this production and we cannot wait to see the show!

Details of tickets to watch will be sent out in the coming weeks.

*The Sutton Academy*

*Cinderella*

*Pantomime Production*

