

## November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Y7 Newsletter

I hope you are all well, I am writing to give you an update on everything that has been going on for Year 7 in the academy over the past term. It certainly has been a very different start to the academic year, we feel that Year 7 have had a great start, have settled in well and have already had so many great opportunities to engage themselves in new experiences with the support of their dedicated learning manager Mrs Dunn. I would like to share some of their amazing efforts.

### Attendance Rewards

We value attendance at De Warenne and students who achieved 100% attendance during the first half term received an invitation to the attendance celebration! The students really enjoyed the day and we hope it encourages students to continue to attend and achieve.

### Hello Yellow (National Mental Health Awareness Day)

Year 7 took part in the national mental health awareness day. Mental health and wellbeing are central to academy life, Mental health problems can affect anyone and making positive change can seem so hard, especially during uncertain times so we focussed on being kind as a starting point and encouraged students to agree to an act of kindness, spreading positivity throughout the day. Continuing on from this, health and wellbeing is part of the life skills programme at De Warenne and Year 7 have a weekly theme focus to continue to develop key skills needed in the future. This week the theme is 'listening'



### Accelerated Reading

During the first half term all Year 7 students were tested using our trust assessment tool for reading. All students responded very positively to this and since taking their tests they have engaged in reading and working in the library supported by literacy staff to develop their reading skills further. 53 students have achieved 100% passes since we started the programme. Well done Year 7. Students in Year 7 are rewarded with the "reader of the week" award for their continued great efforts which is promoted on the academy twitter page @DeltaDeWarenne

## Experiences Programme

Year 7 have been really fortunate to be able to access a new creative curriculum. Some of our students have been involved in music lessons, whilst others have taken part in additional drumming and singing classes. Feedback from students is really positive and all students will get an opportunity to participate as the year progresses.

## Sparx Learning

As you will be aware it is vitally important that our students support their learning in school with meaningful work done at home. Each week we encourage students to complete Sparx Maths homework. The number of students completing homework has been amazing. Please continue to encourage your child to log in and complete their homework.

Sparx dashboard week= 16.11.20 – 23.11.20

7a		7b		7c	
Student	XP	Student	XP	Student	XP
Luca H	2923	Paul C	5400	Lilly A	1515
Iona H	2007	Niamh A	1215	Milana S	902
Joe H	1699	Chloe B	1050	Dillan D	840
Logan H	1260	Isabelle G	1006	Dennis G	453
Lexus D	1104	Abbie-Mai A	921	Lui R	449

  

7d		7e	
Student	XP	Student	XP
Daisy D	1495	Lincoln W	1010
Molly W	1285	Kyle R	586
Lillie A	1228	Bailey W	502
Jadan B	1120	Jasmine H	443
Maisey S	960	Lexi C	420



## Remembrance

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we held a remembrance event in the Academy. During the week before students sold poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion. All of our students were involved in a virtual assembly which ended at 11am for us to observe two minutes silence. A wreath was laid in our Field of Remembrance at 11am. We will remember them!

As you can see there has been a lot happening in the Academy and a great start to the first term of 2020, should you have any questions regarding your child please contact the Academy and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards

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