

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 7 End of Term Letter**

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Year 7. It has been an extremely busy year for all of the students and I am extremely proud of how successfully they have managed to combine the hard work they have put into their studies with their participation in a variety of extra-curricular events. Year 8 is going to be a very exciting year and I know that they are looking forward to no longer being the youngest in the school. I asked Year 7 recently what advice they would give the new Year 7 students and they overwhelmingly said 'get stuck in and make new friends' and 'get involved in as much as you can'. I think this sums up the ethos of this Year 7 cohort; they are enthusiastic about everything! The sheer amount of activities they throw themselves into is testament to this.

I had the pleasure to judge four different House competitions this last half term which I thoroughly enjoyed. The first was House dance which was a joy to watch; everyone did an amazing job. It was lovely to see the girls rehearse in the build up to the competition and the girls learnt a great deal about teamwork and their hard work really paid off. Weavers took first place, followed by Clothworkers in second and Tanners in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The second competition I judged was House music, All Year 7 tutor groups prepared a song from a musical. 7T won this competition with a beautiful rendition of 'Pure Imagination' from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The next House competition was House drama which celebrated 100 years of votes for women by each form performing a scene from the play 'A Question of Courage'. Again the standard of this competition was extremely high which always makes judging hard. 7S were the overall winners and were delighted when their House drama cup was awarded in our assembly the following day.

Finally I had the pleasure to judge the English public speaking competition. All Year 7 students had to prepare a speech based on 'If I could change something it would be...' they performed these in their English lessons and then the finalists from each form delivered their speeches in the hall in front of the whole year group. The quality of the speeches was outstanding and the standard was extremely high, this made judging very hard but we were very pleased to announce that the winner was Chloe in 7W who spoke about the representation of women in sport.

There is always so much going on that it makes me very proud that the girls work as hard as they do to ensure that they put 100% into their learning and take advantage of every opportunity available to them. Well done girls, you do work very hard and deserve your success.

Attendance this year has been brilliant. We have exceeded our attendance target of 96% by achieving 97% so very well done, however, can I please remind you that holidays during term time is unauthorised absence and affects our figures significantly. I would like to thank you all for your support in this matter and to say a really big well done to everyone who achieved over 95% attendance and to all those with 99-100% attendance – you are amazing, keep it up.

All that is left is for me to wish you an enjoyable summer holiday, take a well-deserved break and I look forward to seeing the girls return to school on **Thursday 6th September**.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year 7