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C of E Comprehensive School

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Year 7

Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring Term

Happy New Year, and welcome to a new term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and that the new year has started positively for your families. We are delighted to welcome Year 7 pupils back to school and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Of note will be our first reward event that myself and Miss Hall are planning for some time in March. More details will follow in due course.

The students settled into Year 7 well, with most of the 'new school anxieties' conquered. A couple of personal highlights of last term for me were the Christmas Disco, the Inter-form quiz and the pantomime trip. Pupils are embracing opportunities to earn House Points, collectively they have achieved a staggering 24500 points with 95% of the cohort already awarded their Bronze Award for 500 points. Students can earn points for working hard in lessons, homework, representing their house in activities on top of automated points for positive attendance, punctuality and positive behaviour. I am looking forward to awarding the first round of Silver Awards, celebrating 1000 individual house points at half term.

We strive for positive attendance, statistics prove there is a direct link to good attendance and attainment. On top of this, being in school builds skills and confidence that are difficult to replace. We are currently collectively on 95.44%, something I hope we can keep improving.

This term in PSHE we are looking at health and ways to stay safe. This includes lessons on sleep, positive body image, alcohol and drug education, the harms of alcohol and vaping and personal hygiene and health. We also start to look at the topic of careers, with a Careers Fair planned for later in the term where pupils will get the chance to chat with different employees. Staying safe online is always a prevalent topic. Last term alone I had several reports of pupils being unpleasant online, including to each other. I am aware there are some large group chats and urge you to check these regularly and report to the Police or the app platform anything that is not right. It is easy for pupils to feel the need to 'join in', but as adults please support your child in muting conversations or blocking anything that is not right.

It was fantastic to see how well students have settled into their learning when the progress data was released at the end of last term. There will be two more reports similar to this throughout the year, as well as Year 7 Parents' Evening in May. More details will follow closer to the time, but if you ever have any concerns, please do get in touch.

As we look forward into this term, can I please ask for your support in setting pupils up for a successful start each day. They should be well equipped with stationery, their school diary and a suitable school bag. Issues this term have largely been centred around not having the correct equipment needed and not completing homework. As parents you should have access to the firefly app where you can check what homework is set. It is good practice to factor in some time each day to complete homework. I am a firm believer in getting the basics right and ask for your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the policies pertaining to equipment and uniform (available on our school website). In particular can you please ensure that your child only comes to school with one set of stud or sleeper earrings and one ring per hand and natural, unpainted nails to avoid any sanctions. As the weather looks like it is starting to change for the worst, can I please ask that all pupils attend school in a coat. I encourage all pupils to spend some time outdoors at break times and lunch times, the benefits of fresh air daily are vast to our overall health.

Thank you for all the support last term, the transition to secondary school is not always easy. I look forward to continuing working in partnership with you. As a reminder, you can contact subject leaders for subject specific queries and I can be contacted via the school reception for urgent enquiries where I will endeavour to get back to you the same day, or via email on l.starbuck@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L Starbuck', written in a cursive style.

Ms L Starbuck
Head of Year 7