

KING ARTHUR'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Now we are mid way through the first half term it gives me pleasure to inform you that the new Year 7's have made an excellent start to their exciting journey into secondary school life. Already there has been sporting success in hockey against the Park School, and a high level of involvement by many students in other extra curricular clubs.

During the Year 6 Induction Evening in July, I outlined that I will be overseeing the education and welfare of all the students in Year 7. I emphasised the importance of students, staff and parents working together to achieve success. To support your child at school there are a few simple things I would like to remind you about:

- All student have been issued a student homework diary/planner in which they record their homework tasks and any notes, important dates etc. Subject teachers will often write notes in the diary for you, and the tutors will also be using this as the main method for informing you of day to day matters concerning your child. I would ask that you check and sign this diary regularly every week. Your child's tutor will be checking and signing it on a weekly basis too. This interaction at home will help students keep organised and on top of school work.
- Your child's tutor is the first point of contact for any concerns you may have. Please contact the school to speak to them, or use the student planner. It is best to contact us as soon as you are concerned. It is usually easier to deal with issues if we act straight away.
- If you need to contact me you can phone the school. I will endeavour to get back to you with general queries within 24 hours and sooner if it is urgent.
- Excellent attendance is essential for success. If your child is ill, please let the school know by phoning on the first day of illness and then also send a note in with them upon their return so we can authorize the absence. If your child is absent for more than a couple of days but they are well enough to do a small amount of work at home please encourage them to read and perhaps check that no homework is outstanding. Medical certificates are needed for any extended time off. Longer term absence may require work to be sent home from school. Please contact me to discuss such needs.
- Students are expected to arrive to all lessons with the appropriate equipment, this ranges from gum shields and boots for PE, through to the basics of a pen and pencil for all classroom lessons. We appreciate your support on helping the students being organised appropriately.
- You will remember the acronym "PRIDE" that I described back in July. This is the ethos for the lower school and is based around each letter of "PRIDE"; Participation, Respect, Identity, Determination and Excellence. I hope you will agree that these are great goals to work towards.

I look forward to a wonderful year and thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you all at the Year 7 Parents' Evening on the 20th October and the Parent Tutor consultation day on the 16th November – letters regarding both are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Matt Elloway
Head of Year 7