

Newsletter



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Head of Year



It seems hard to believe a full term has now passed since we welcomed our new Year 7's into the academy! Everyone has been incredibly impressed with how well they have settled into secondary school life.

Our attendance has been the highest in the school throughout the whole term, which is an incredible achievement. You have to be in school to make the most of it, and our year 7's are clearly tuned into that message.

Each week we have a tutor challenge. Which has included cross-country, spaghetti towers, Christmas card designs, tug-of-war and quizzes! Predictably, this has become very competitive with all forms getting involved and trying their best in each challenge. We go into Christmas with a close race. It could easily all change by Easter. But who could be in the lead at the end of the year!?

It has been a pleasure to get to know all of our year 7 team. I have also had the pleasure of getting to know some of our parents and carers. It is clear that our year group has the ability and support to become our most successful yet!

I hope everyone has an amazing Christmas break and an incredible New Year!

Mr. Mumford





AHA



This half term 7AHA have continued to work hard and by the mottos that we created last half term of Success nothing less and breathe in courage breathe out fear! I have been extremely impressed with the enthusiasm, hard work and achievements of many students who have been receiving regular R points every week. This shows that students have been working hard in their lessons, developing a real love of learning. Special shout outs go to Joe-Louis S and Leighton C who have won multiple raffles this half term for the most reward points in the tutor group.

As a tutor group I have also been pleased with the team-work and community spirit that has been shown by all 7AHA in the weekly year 7 challenges. We won the challenge leader board last half term and have been working hard to do the same this half term! There is a lot of competitive spirit in this tutor, which was on full demonstration in the first inter-house competition, which was a 1-mile X-country run. 7AHA not only won the year 7 competition but also won the year 7 competition for Florence Nightingale.

#Proud

In tutor time we have also been doing PSHE where we have been learning about human rights and have been having some important topical discussions in relation to human rights related to the current world cup. A big well done to Carys G-A, Freddie H, JJ Chase and Tilly S who all contribute great ideas and discussion points in PSHE.

We have also been having lots of fun in the tutor, doing a world cup sweep stake, where students will win prizes if they have; the winning team, the runner up, the team who have scored the most goals, the team who had the worst defeat and the worst performing team – The excitement is building to see who is going to win.... We have also had a Christmas advent since the start of December along with a Secret Santa which will be done on the last day of school.

It is also important to say a huge well done to the following students who have represented 7AHA and the academy in sporting fixtures this half term; Freddie H, JJ Chase, Ruben B-T and Joe-Louis S. I would also like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of Lily L who has put in lots of rehearsal time to be part of the OAI Christmas production – Well done Lily you go girl!

I have thoroughly enjoyed the first two terms with 7AHA and can't wait to see you all after Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely time with your families and friends, Merry Christmas.

Miss Hanson



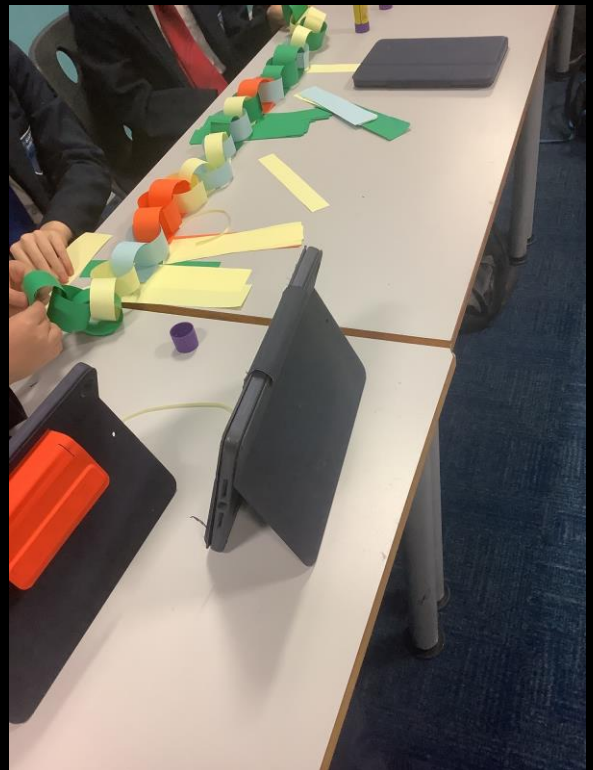
CEL



This half term has seen 7CEL win their first tutor challenge – the egg drop challenge. The tutor group worked as a team creating a colourful vessel for our egg with ensured its safety! The images below are the students creating the paper chains for the egg drop challenge.

The tutor group last half term won lots of awards from subjects and won an award for having the most positive reward points in Y7 – this is something I hope the tutor group will be able to achieve again this half term.

Special shoutouts this half term go to Riley H and Sinead B for representing the school at cross country and Bozhidar G for reading over 50,000 words on reading plus since September!



ERY



This half term ERY has gotten creative in their challenges – particularly in the egg drop challenge where we thought outside the box! We worked as a team and made sure our egg survived – although it wasn't the easiest creation to carry!

Lots of subject awards were won throughout the tutor group and it's been tough choosing a star of the week with so many amazing achievements happening every day! We have also been one of the best forms in year 7 for attendance even with all the illness going round so hopefully that's something we will keep up next year!



TKN



7TKN have had another strong term of challenges, starting off with their impressive performance in the general knowledge quiz. After a not quite so successful egg drop challenge, we came back strongly with some fantastic Christmas card designs and a simply jaw-dropping Christmas song.

Other highlights include a great form trip to PRAX where the students were offered a chance to see the inner workings of a modern day refinery. The students were a credit to the academy, asking lots of interesting questions and impressing the company with their knowledge of scientific processes.

Special shout out to Isaac Clarke-Hargreaves, Zack Deakins, Billy Wilson, Jasmine Gregory, Lily King, Iesha Riley, Ryan Lees and Paigton Pritchard who achieved a huge amount of reward points as well as maintaining near perfect attendance throughout the term.



PSM



7PSM have had another great term, slowly climbing the challenge leader board!

We also really enjoyed our form trip to PRAX where the students were offered a chance to see the huge refinery site and learn about it's processes. The form asked lots of brilliant questions and impressed the staff with the knowledge.

Massive shout out to Bailey, Ivelin, Cameron, Louis, Alana, Oliver, Isabelle, Amelia, Cody and Ella-Rose who have all earned more than 400 reward points so far this year! An incredible achievement!

