

A NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY YEAR 7 STUDENTS



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INTRODUCTION

by Mr Brown

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the first issue of our new **Year 7 Newsletter**. We have had an exciting first half term and some of our great students have been involved in the Newsletter club, where they have researched, interviewed and become mini-journalists to create a wonderful newsletter bursting with stories and information straight from the Academy. We hope you enjoy!

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100 CLUB

Find out who our top attenders are!



It includes supporting the Year 7 students to get the rewards they deserve.

Miss. Newton

What does your role as head of year 7 include?- “It includes supporting the Year 7 students to get the rewards they deserve and providing them with fun activities to be involved in. It is also important to support the students through difficult times and help them in achieving their full potential in their subjects.”

What are your plans for the next year?- "I would like to develop some all weather areas outside for rain, snow and sun. As well as organise trips in the UK and abroad if covid restrictions ease."

Do you enjoy teaching your subject, science? - "Yes I love teaching science especially about the body and I love doing fun practicals."

Before teaching, did you have other job interests?- "Quite a few thing actually! I wanted to be a doctor in the army and I even got an interview but then I decided I wanted to be close to my family."



PEN PALS



Today I had the pleasure of interviewing Miss. Grand, one of our two great MFL teachers at King James. She had some exciting news for us, she informed me that students in languages will soon be writing letters to other countries as they make a pen pal relationship with students in other schools. The students in French will write to France and Guadeloupe, where's the Spanish class will write to Mexico. The Year 7's will be challenged with the task of writing their letters in the language they currently study, informing their pen pals with an introduction of themselves, where they live and their hobbies. The students will receive letters back, which will be written in English. I think this will be a good opportunity for us to feel as though we are learning with people who are all over the world.

REWARDS

Earning lots of Class Chart points at school, automatically enters you into the hot chocolate competition, if you receive a high number of points, your name will be put into a box and, if luckily selected, you will be treated to a biscuit and hot chocolate on the Friday morning! To earn Class Chart points and be in with the chance of being selected, you need to follow the Seven Standards of King James and be an excellent representative student of the academy.

Golden tickets- Throughout the week, form tutors award their students a golden ticket for excellent behaviour and abiding by the 7 Standards, within each weekly assembly, all rewarded students names are placed in a box, 3 lucky winners are chosen at random and get to choose from prizes such as pens, pencils & hot chocolate vouchers etc.

Next term, Year 7 will have new rewards introduced, these will be Reward Cards that you may get from either your form tutor or head of year, it will be excellent if you are rewarded a Reward Card token from your form tutor, as it will earn you 5 class chart points, but it would be outstanding if you got a Reward Card token from your head of year because that means you have done some outstanding work and/or helped out within the academy, receiving a token from your head of year will get you 10 class chart points. Following the 7 Standards will help you to be noticed by teachers in order to earn a Reward Card. A positive attempt to receive a token is by following the 7 Standards, which are; Show Respect To All, Be Prepared, Attend & Be Punctual, Be Positive, Environment, Engage & Succeed, and Community.

TOP CLASS CHART POINTS

Ella W- 120
Luke T- 120
Reece R-109

100 CLUB Attendance Winners

Logan P
Poppy C
Alex A

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. BUSHBY

What are your goals for Year 7 in the next year?- I want the students to enjoy their time within the academy, make the most of their first year here as secondary school students and to of course, have fun!

Why did you choose to be a Teacher in the subject of PE?- I want to help young students to be better within school and excel in sports by sharing my passion for it with young people in order to inspire them.

What achievements would you like to see for Year 7 students?- I would like to introduce more rewards for attendance within the academy and more rewards such as the 'Behavioural Excellence' Certificates which are rewarded for receiving a high number of class charts points.

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Mr. Bushby

E-SAFETY



In order to be safe online at King James Academy I there are restrictions to which websites you can access. It is important that you know not to give away Chromebook login details, or any private information to anybody else. Being careful on what you choose to download is important, it needs to be a provider whom you trust and remember to always use a VPN while browsing the web. Carefully choosing websites will keep you safe and also being aware of what content you personally post, to keep yourself safe. The point is E-safety, a school's ability to safeguard, protect and educate pupils and staff in the acceptable use of technology and communications. The safe and responsible use of technology. The school also proposes a zero tolerance policy against cyber-bullying. If you see it, report it.

[PRESS HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BEING SAFE ONLINE](#)

ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Enrichments are a fun and interesting way to learn new important life skills outside of your regular school curriculum. A lot of different subjects are covered in them and they bring more excitement to the school day.

These lessons change every half term so you're not only covering ONE subject, but many others, too. Science enrichment sessions can involve many things, one of them being an exploding volcano. The year 7 class were in charge of making the volcanoes that had been made with a bottle, newspaper and a liquid glue. As a group, year 7s were challenged on using the provided materials to form the volcanoes to be in a slope-like structure. This was an extremely fun experience yet also intriguing, as we were able to learn about chemical reactions and see how they caused an eruption within the volcano structures made.

Other than science club, the carousel of subjects includes: code breaking, which is linked to world war one and two; macrame, which is similar to crochet; Enterprise where you create a personal profile and learn about methods of raising money and the final subject is fitness.





AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. POWELL

Today we interviewed Mr Powell, he is our student support worker for Year 7. We were interested in asking Mr Powell what he feels are the most rewarding parts of his role and why he feels it is important for someone to do what he does! Mr Powell helps students who may feel they need support within school, due to personal reasons or a possible friendship fall out for example. He will be there to talk to you, offer advice and be a helping hand in order to have you feeling better about school. Mr Powell chose this role because he cares about the students of the academy and likes to help in resolving issues, he recognised that students needed to be cared for and he feels it is very rewarding to be able to create a relationship with the students in order to find a solution for the young peoples concerns and help them face the issues they feel challenged by.

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SPORTS

The school football team is very entertaining and there are a lot of opportunities for you to be involved! The club is run after school where you learn many skills such as dribbling and shooting. There is the opportunity to also play matches against other schools in the local area. As Year 7s, we were able to play the match that took place for the Year 6 open evening. it was great to play with my friends and also see how many Year 6's gathered to see us all playing, I felt proud to be a student of the academy, and to be representing the sports opportunities within the Academy. The school also provides the opportunity to play Basketball, during school and at an after school club, Basketball is a fun way to get active and the teachers are extremely helpful in showing you how to be skill-full and teaching you the rules of the game. There are many other sports opportunities within the school!

READ TO SUCCEED

Read to Succeed is a new reading initiative introduced into the academy. We have Reading Lessons within our school timetable and these help us to realise our true potential for reading and also the power reading has. Reading helps us with spelling, grammar, punctuation and also our creative side. Reading has allowed our imaginations to grow, as we are able to create stories and visualise them too! Helping us to learn more about the world and be inspired to dream, think, lead and positively impact our actions in day to day life. We have been challenged to read a book/text of our own choice every day, this will help us to improve academically as well as benefit our mental well-being by reading for pleasure.



SETTLING INTO LIFE AT KING JAMES

Life in King James is really fun! The school is busy but it creates a brilliant atmosphere. Classes are really exciting and everyday, you learn something new. The dinners from here are amazing and the people are really kind, even when you're the new kid.

