



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

30th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 – Summer Term

As the Spring Term draws to a close, it is quite unbelievable that when we return it will be the Summer Term and the Year 7's will be completing their final term as Year 7 students.

The students have continued to settle down to life at Bishop Ramsey and are now familiar with all of the procedures and expectations. They are making most pleasing progress in their lessons and now that we have had the second data drop, teachers will be looking at their allocated pathways and will make any changes if they deem it necessary. I know that subject teachers are very much looking forward to meeting both parents and carers at the virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday 27th April.

As a school we have embraced many nationally recognised events throughout the term, including the Holocaust Memorial Week, Literary Festival, LGBTQ History Month, Neurodiversity Celebration Week and British Science Week. All of these have been celebrated and students encouraged to reflect on why such events are important. I have also led an assembly on the appropriate use of language and the importance of showing respect for all students which is in keeping with our Year Group Motto which focuses on Inclusivity and Diversity. This is summed up by our Year Group Motto – One Heart, One Love. I do hope that with continued opportunities, students will be able to meet more people from the Year Group and assist in the development of our Year 7 community.

Extra-Curricular clubs have provided an ideal opportunity for students to meet new friends from within their own group and also other Year Groups. I am delighted that so many students have continued to attend a variety of clubs. I know that we have had a great deal of success on the sports field, the boys have won many of their football matches against the local schools and the Year 7 Netball team were runners up in the Hillingdon Tournament.

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many of the Year 7's actively involved in the school production of 'A Little Shop of Horrors.' A number of students were part of the chorus with one member of the Year Group securing one of the main roles. To see them perform with such confidence alongside their older peers really was delightful.

Many of the Year 7 students also showed off their talent in the Bishop Ramsey's Got Talent Show. Once again, I very much enjoyed their performances from stand-up comics, sketch artists, singers, dancers and a drama extract from Frozen. Once again, their enthusiasm to get actively involved was a joy to see. I was delighted that the Year 7 Bishop Ramsey Dance Group were the overall Key Stage 3 winners. We are blessed with so much talent within the Year Group, I know that many of the students are also performing at the Lent Service on Tuesday at St Martins Church, either as part of the Canterbury Choir or Chaplaincy Band.

My aim is for the Year Group to involve themselves in as many events as they can, I was therefore delighted that so many wore costumes on our Disney themed Dress Up Day. Many of the Year Group wore costumes and we had some superb group and individual efforts which were rewarded in our assembly this week.

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We are delighted that now we in a post Covid phase, we are able to return to a normal programme and hope to be able to continue to offer the Year Group more opportunities to participate in whole school events. I am currently planning our Enrichment Days which are on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July. I have already confirmed one of the days activity and can confirm that the students will be participating in a range of water sports activities at Thorpe Lake. We have used this centre before and the students had a superb time so I have no doubt it will indeed provide an enriching experience for all. The second day will consist of a trip to London, and I am just liaising with different providers at the moment to secure the final details. I hope to be able to confirm these with you shortly after Easter.

In addition, I have informed the Year Group that after Easter I am launching an Inter-Form Sports competition. Students from each Form Group will compete against each other in a range of sports including football, netball, rounders, basketball and benchball. It is hoped that all students in the Form Group will participate in at least one of these events. By the end of the Multi-Sports tournament, the Form with the most points will be presented with the Year 7 Multi-Sports Trophy. Each Form will need a Sports Captain and will be asked to work alongside their Form and Vice Captain's to organise their teams.

I have held our termly Celebration Assembly this week and am delighted that so many students have been rewarded for their efforts. A very large number have been given certificates for achieving either a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award for the number of house points they have accrued, with a smaller number achieving a Platinum Certificate, having collected over 100 house points!

I also had great pleasure in distributing a prize to each and every student who has had their reward card signed and completed. Fifteen students have also been invited to an Easter Egg Rewards Party, based on their great commitment to school in terms of their attendance, behaviour and progress.

To enable you to support your child, a document detailing the topic areas that they will be studying next term will be attached. Furthermore, the key dates for next term are listed below.

Key Dates:

Friday 21 April – Year 7 Road Safety Talk
Thursday 27 April – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 May - Year 7 STEM Day
Monday 12 June – Year 7 Assessment Week
Thursday 6 July – Cultural Day
Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July – Enrichment Days
Thursday 20 July – Sports Day
Friday 21 July – End of Term

I am delighted that the Year 7's have settled in so well and look forward to further progress next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,
Miss C Priestley
Year 7 Director