

September, 2016

Re: Year 7 Information

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your support throughout the transition process and would like to highlight how impressed we are with the students so early on in their time at Brine Leas.

The start of secondary school can be an exciting and yet daunting time and we are here to make that ongoing transitional phase as smooth as possible. If you have any concerns, or there is an issue that we are not aware of, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Tutor or myself.

On Monday the 3rd October, 2016 there will be a Progress Tutor's Parents' Evening which allows you the opportunity to discuss any problems your child may be having within school, whether it be with the transition from primary school, or simply within other areas of schooling. If you would like to attend the evening, please ask your child to make an appointment directly with their Progress Tutor.

This half term is a very busy time for the Year 7 students and there are a few dates to keep in mind: Menai Information Evening takes place on Wednesday 21st September, 2016 starting at 6.30pm. This is a chance for all parents to come along with their children and learn about the upcoming visit to the Conway Centre which takes place from the 24th until 28th October, 2016. This is a brilliant experience for all students and a superb chance to try out fun activities and make new friends. We do understand that some students may feel uncertain about the visit, so this evening is also a chance to calm any nerves.

There will also be a Music Information Evening on Thursday 22nd September, 2016.

This half term, the Year 7 students will have a series of year group assemblies about life at Brine Leas, ways to settle in and how to get involved in activities. We would also like to celebrate the successes of the year group, so with this in mind we shall be having a 'Year 7 Star of the Week' which will also be announced in assemblies and released on our Twitter feed.

The homework timetable is also available on our website; this timetable is a good way of helping students to organise their time. Students will complete their homework on a weekly basis in English, Maths, Science, Humanities and MFL. Creative Arts, BITE and Technology only set their projects as homework or as they see fit to do so.

Please check our website and our Twitter feed for upcoming news, events and activities.

Every year group also completes a half termly Home Learning Project which aims to better their time management and help their independence. This half term, students have a Humanities project and therefore will not receive any additional homework for Geography, History and RE. If there are any queries about this project, please contact your child's subject teachers for Humanities.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I'm very much looking forward to further getting to know all the Year 7 students and feel very excited about the coming year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs B Brown
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