

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 7 Summer Term**

It seems like only yesterday that I was visiting your children in their Primary Schools, and now here we are with only one term of Year 7 to go. Time certainly does fly when you are having fun!

Each tutor group has now planted an apple tree in The Blue School's orchard. These trees are an important symbol for the students' time with us. We are all looking forward to watching them grow and flourish, and we know that the work the students have put in now will continue to bear fruit for many years after they have left the Sixth Form. This is why Year 7 is such an important year: the students are putting down the roots that will lead to a strong and successful future within and beyond The Blue.

I am pleased to say that the students – like the trees – are thriving as they approach their first summer with us. Year 7 have collectively achieved 12,558 credits so far. This fantastic achievement reflects the effort demonstrated by students in lessons and enrichment activities on a daily basis.

As I am sure you are aware, regular attendance at school is crucial if students are to fulfil their potential. On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 124 Year 7 students were rewarded for their excellent attendance with a film afternoon. This term, we are busy planning our rewards picnic, which will take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. In order to earn a place at the picnic, students will need to achieve attendance at 98% or above and no behaviour points between Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. I hope we can get even more than 124 at the picnic – it promises to be a fantastic event!

Excitement is building as our enrichment week rapidly approaches. For Year 7, the highlight of this week will be attending Camp in the Forest of Dean. Please ensure that you have completed and returned the required medical forms as a matter of urgency. A letter providing details of the final arrangements will be sent home shortly. We can't wait!

Finally, I would like to thank you for supporting your children and The Blue School. Education is most successful when school and home are working together, sharing information and expertise towards our common goal: the success and happiness of your children. As our school aim states: 'together, we'll succeed.' This was in evidence at the recent parents' evening, where it was great to see productive conversations taking place to ensure your children continue to progress in all aspects of school life.

### **Reminders:**

- **Uniform:** thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students are dressed in correct school uniform every day. Please remember to consult our uniform policy before purchasing any new items for Year 8. Full details can be found on the school's website.
- **Equipment:** Year 7 have been working hard to ensure they have the correct equipment every day so they can take full advantage of all the learning opportunities available to them. Please continue to support them with this as they develop their independence.

**Key dates for Year 7:**

- Term 6 begins - 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Year 7&8 Sports day - 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Rewards Picnic – 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Non-uniform Day – 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 7 Camp - 7<sup>th</sup> July - 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Enrichment week – 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July
- Last day of term - 19<sup>th</sup> July

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my best wishes for an enjoyable half-term break to you all,



Mrs Janine Hildrew  
Pastoral Team Leader – Year 7