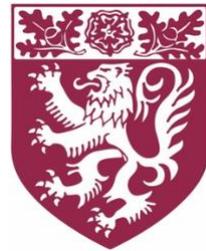




Year 7 Newsletter



An unusual term, to say the least!

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Dear Year 7 and Parents/Carers,

Well, that wasn't quite what we had in mind for your fourth term of secondary school but it's one which we'll all remember for a very long time! Firstly, we hope you and your families are well in these very challenging and unprecedented times. We are so **proud** of how you've all handled this difficult situation, adapted to the change quickly and just how hard you've all been working from home. As always, you are proving

to us that Year 7s are **MAGIC** – you've particularly demonstrated your '**Motivation**' and '**Independence**' over the last few weeks which is exactly what has been required at this very usual time and we are beaming with pride. However, please remember that no one is at their most productive during a global pandemic and we're all getting used to new ways of working – teachers and parents included!

As you're aware, lots of work has been set on Show My Homework and some of you are finding this quite overwhelming. Three weeks' worth of work has been set (excluding the two-week Easter break) to ensure you have plenty of work to be getting on with and because over the past and potentially coming weeks, lots of staff are also caring for their children, for vulnerable relatives or have been unwell themselves, so big chunks of work have been set in advance to last you. However, we are **not** expecting you to complete this all in one go; please just complete as much work as you can and at your own pace – don't stress about the deadlines and if you're struggling with a certain piece of work, move on and come back to it later. You're not going to be penalised for not completing certain tasks by a certain date and we're all trying to get the balance right. We're keen to change and adapt as we learn what works well and what doesn't, so thank you Year 7 and to all the parents/carers for your patience and support during these circumstances.

Friday 3rd April is officially the last day of term and as such you're not expected to be completing any work over the Easter break; please use this as an opportunity to relax and enjoy yourselves but most importantly, don't forget to stay at home and keep yourselves safe – I'm sure your parents/carers can find plenty of jobs around the house for you to be getting on with!



To parents and carers; thank you for all your support over the last few weeks and for the coming weeks ahead. We appreciate this has been a very challenging time for all of us, not least for many of you who are trying to juggle work, whether that be by going to work or working from home, as well as supporting your child(ren) with their school work. Please remember that we are not expecting you to be home schooling your child(ren) – we're the educators and we're not expecting you to take on this role; the work which has been set is designed for students to complete independently but naturally many of you will want to provide help and support and whilst that's absolutely okay, we're not expecting you to do our jobs for us; we will pick this up when school resumes. Now, more than ever, it's important to spend time as a family and with loved ones (albeit virtually in some circumstances!), to do things you wouldn't usually do and to support your child(ren) developing into responsible citizens.

In the rest of this newsletter there will be some key information, hints and tips along with messages from other members of staff. Please take care and stay safe – remember, you're not 'stuck at home', you're 'safe at home'. It would be lovely to hear from you so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries, want to check-in with us or to let us know what you've been up to – our email addresses are below.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Take care and stay safe,

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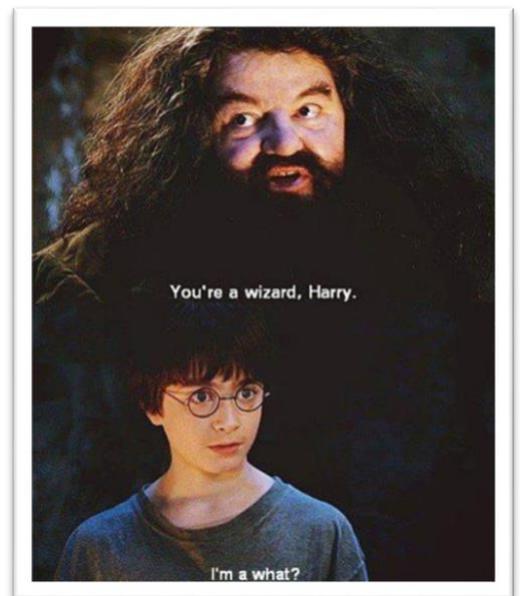
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Mr Haines' **MAGIC** Challenge

Whilst you're not expected to be completing any school work over the Easter Break, I'd like to set an **optional** challenge for you all to complete to demonstrate just how amazing you all are. Using our **MAGIC** acronym, can you complete at least one task each day which demonstrates one of the words? For example, on Monday, you could demonstrate your '**motivation**' by getting up early and helping around the house. On Tuesday, you could show how you're '**community-spirited**' by giving something nice to a neighbour (by leaving it on their doorstep, obviously!). Keep a record of what you've done, ideally with photographic evidence and endorsed by your parents/carers, and once school resumes, there will be prizes for the most imaginative tasks!

As a reminder, our **MAGIC** acronym stands for:

Motivation
Ambition
Growth Mindset
Independence
Community-Spirited



I look forward to seeing your submissions!

Mr Haines

Reading and Quizzing at home – Mrs Fenton

Don't forget that you can take quizzes on your books at home. Just follow this link [here](#) and log in as usual. Lots of students have already quizzed from home and we have a fantastic average 92% quiz rate for the last two weeks.

Congratulations also to everyone who reached their AR points targets this term - just over 50% of the year group, which is an improvement on terms 1 and 2. Those students will hear from me separately and they will also receive 10 achievement points.

Happy reading and take care!

Mrs Fenton



Contacting Teachers

After the Easter Break, if you're stuck on a piece of work or need some help, the teacher which set the work is the best person to contact. You can either message them through Show My Homework or you can email them – a full list of teachers' email addresses are on the school website and can be found [here](#).

Work, Work, Work, Work, Work...

Are you feeling a bit overwhelmed by the amount of work you've been set online? This is understandable, as it's not our usual way of working and it can be quite overwhelming looking at a big list of tasks. **Please do not stress!** It's great that you're all eager-beavers but you genuinely don't need to fret about getting into trouble for not completing certain tasks and missing deadlines. This is an unprecedented time for us all and we're all adapting to the change. As we've explained above, there's reasons why work has been set in big chunks and we're not expecting it all to be completed in one go. If you're finding it too much, perhaps make a timetable or write down some tasks to complete on each day (after Easter) to break it down into smaller chunks. Some of the work which has been set is optional and this has been made clear if so. Also, the work which is on GoogleDrive is the same as the work which has been set on Show My Homework – the drive is just a central store for all the work to be kept in. If there's specific work which has been set in the GoogleDrive, it will say so on Show My Homework – please don't try and complete both the tasks on SMHW and all the work in the GoogleDrive!

