



# Year 7 Newsletter



## Level: Year 7 | 80% Complete...



It feels surreal that we've completed yet another half a term without actually being in school and we're now entering Week 9 since lockdown began.

You're probably wondering what the pictures at the top of this newsletter are... I (Mr H) took these whilst out on one of my walks recently when I went out exploring and came across a beautiful farm, right near my house, that I never knew existed – there was a public

footpath through the farm and I came across some newly born lambs and piglets! Whilst I stopped and stood there, looking out onto the open fields, breathing in the fresh air and enjoying the peace and quiet, it presented itself as a perfect opportunity to reflect. But what do we mean by reflection and why is it so important? Reflecting allows us to focus on ourselves, to think about what's gone well, what hasn't gone so well and what we could do differently next time; it also allows us to think about what we're grateful for and to think of those that are less fortunate than ourselves.

At this point in the school year, with only seven school weeks of Year 7 left, it seems like a very pertinent time to reflect; not just on the recent weeks or events but on the last twelve months. This time last year, both Mrs Robson and I had just taken up our new posts of your Head of Student Progress and Pastoral Leader and we started to come and visit you in your primary schools...time flies when you're having fun, eh?! We've all come a really long way together since then and you've grown and flourished into wonderful members of the Cheney Community exceptionally well. Can you believe that you're nearly completed your first year of being in secondary school?! You've achieved so much this year and you've got so much to be proud of. Some highlights include the fantastic induction days in June last year, the meet the tutor evening, the brilliant winter concert, the various tutor assemblies, lots of you being guides at the open evening, the cinema event and so many of you joining the word millionaire club, to name just a few! I don't think we've ever had a year group settle into Year 7 as quickly as you guys have and that's a credit to you all. Be proud Year 7 - we certainly are!

Obviously at the moment we don't know exactly how or when everyone is going to be back at school but what we do know is that it's going to be different than before. We know you'll continue to do us proud and adapt to whatever changes may come our way. Until then take care, stay safe and make sure you have a break over half-term.

**Mrs Robson, Head of Student Progress & Mr Haines, Pastoral Leader**

Back when you all looked cute & innocent!



## New Member of the Year 7 Team - 58% Loaded...

We weren't able to share this news with you before school closure, but we're very pleased to now be able to let you know that Mrs Robson and her husband are expecting their first child. Baby Robson is due to arrive on the 10th September, so it is unlikely that you will see Mrs Robson in person when you come back into school as Year 8. She is planning on bringing in the baby before October half term to meet you all, and will still keep in touch by coming into to work for the odd day here and there throughout next academic year before returning to work after her maternity leave.



Once we know who will be taking over from Mrs Robson, we'll let you know but fear not, Mr Haines will be moving into Year 8 with you!



### Shout Out!

To those of you who have been coming into school, we'd like to take this opportunity to say how well you've all been behaving – you've had a positive attitude, been using independent learning skills and been friendly and polite to all staff and to each other. You're clearly demonstrating our **MAGIC** motto, notably **Motivation**, **Independence** and **Community Spirit** - well done and keep up the good work!

The standard of work that you have all have been completing, whether in school or at home has been absolutely exceptional and lots of your teachers have been sharing your work with us. You're putting in so much time and effort which is great to see. Remember, hard work pays off! Keep it up guys – we're very proud!

## The Library is back up and running again (virtually!)

You can update your reading material again by using the new online Cheney library app. Reserve your chosen book online and then pick it up from me in the school reception between 10 and 1 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (term time). I will drop students an email to let them know that the book is available. I've filmed a short piece to show you [how it works](#) but if you have any questions or need help, drop me an [email](#). I can also help with book choice if you're not sure what to read.



## Year 7 Team - Who's Who?

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you who you should be directing queries to.

[Mrs Robson](#) is the **Head of Student Progress** and as such, oversees the academic aspect of your child's schooling. This includes the monitoring of work, data analysis, liaising with Heads of Faculties and ultimately making sure that your child is making progress in each of their subjects. You can contact [Mrs Robson](#) for any queries relating to your child's work, their academic progress, or any queries regarding the work on Show My Homework.

[Mr Haines](#) is the **Pastoral Leader** and is responsible for the pastoral care and well-being of all students in Year 7. This includes responsibility for safeguarding, attendance, student welfare and ultimately ensuring that your child is safe and happy at school. You can contact [Mr Haines](#) regarding your child's well-being, if you have any safeguarding concerns or if you or your child has any queries or anxieties about school.

Obviously, we are a team and we work closely together but our roles do have different foci and therefore, by ensuring your query is directed to the right person enables us to answer your queries more effectively, rather than having to field your queries to one another.