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To: Year 7

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Dear Parent/Carers

Year 7 - End of Term Letter

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to Year 7 at Taverham High School.

In one sense, the last seven weeks have absolutely flown by, but in another, I think some of us are ready to run towards a well-earned break! The Year 7's have certainly earned theirs!

I genuinely could not be prouder of how beautifully they have settled into Taverham High School. They have embraced new routines, built friendships and approached this exciting new chapter with enthusiasm and positivity. Staff feedback has been wonderful, and they are keen to learn, engage and make the most of every opportunity.

I have also been blown away by how smartly they present themselves during my weekly uniform checks and the pride they take in being part of our school community.

I am delighted to share that Year 7 has achieved the highest attendance and the highest number of house points across the school! What a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of their hard work, positive attitudes and shining personalities.

Celebrating Our Achievements
One of my priorities as Head of Year is to ensure that we celebrate all the wonderful things our students achieve, both inside and outside the classroom.

Each week, I celebrate students with the highest house points (Big shout out to Issac J being the first to get 150 and his 3rd bronze badge!) and attendance, alongside our positives of the week, nominated by form tutors. I also select my own Head of Year Superstars, recognising students who have impressed me through their kindness, resilience, effort or contribution to school life. Parent/Carers receive an email whenever their child/ward is selected, allowing us to celebrate their success together.

It is important to me that we recognise more than just academic achievements. Whether a student has shown compassion, overcome a challenge or made a conscious effort to improve, I want those moments to be celebrated too!

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Our assemblies have explored our school values of Compassion, Opportunity, Resilience and Discovery (CORD), covering new beginnings, extracurricular opportunities, school identity, community, attendance and World Mental Health Day. During form time, students have started navigating Bedrock, Unifrog and class reading which they have loved.

Halloween Mythical Creature Challenge
Our first-ever Year 7 in-year House Competition has been a huge success! I received so many fantastic entries, and I was blown away by the creativity and effort involved. We even had a crocheted pumpkin!

A huge congratulations to our winners Emily H and Georgia S and runners up Phoebe A and Elsie E!

Thank you to everyone who took part, please do check out the entries featured in our school newsletter, as the students should be incredibly proud of their creations.

It has been wonderful to see so many getting involved in opportunities beyond the classroom, and I am already looking forward to our next competition!

REMINDERS FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Uniform and equipment: Please check that your child/ward has the correct uniform and all the equipment they need before returning to school.

Homework: The initial issues with accessing homework platforms have now been resolved. The usual school expectations now apply to Year 7. Incomplete homework will result in a negative and a lunch detention. Failure to attend the lunch time detention will result in an after-school detention. We do have homework club available if needed.

I have reminded students to speak to their class teacher or form tutor before the lesson in which homework is due if they experience any difficulties, so that we can resolve these early.

Punctuality: Year 7 were given some leniency with lateness during their first half term while they settled into school routines. This will no longer apply. Unexplained late marks at school or lessons will count towards the usual school policy, with three or more lates in a week resulting in an after-school detention. Thankfully, punctuality has not been a concern across Year 7!

I wanted to share these reminders to keep everyone informed, rather than cause any worry. As always, my priority is to maintain clear communication and consistency between home and school, ensuring we work together to support every student.

Have a Wonderfully Spooky Half Term!
Halloween is one of my favourite times of the year, so I am looking forward to pumpkin carving, lots of baking and plenty of spooky films. The Nightmare Before Christmas will, of course, be making an appearance for approximately the twentieth time this year already!

I cannot wait to hear what our Year 7's get up to when they return. For now, I hope they enjoy a well-earned rest, spend time doing the things they love and feel proud of everything they have achieved.

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Please give them lots of praise at home for their fantastic efforts!

Year 7, you have made me incredibly proud! From your brilliant attendance and record-breaking positives at nearly 10,000 for the year group, to your wonderful personalities - you have made a fantastic start. I feel very lucky to be your Head of Year and cannot wait to see what we achieve together next half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely, restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back soon, (after an overdue lay-in!).

Yours faithfully

Miss M Rowe
(Very Proud) Head of Year 7



