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To: Y7 parents/carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to take a moment to share just how incredibly proud I am of Year 7 so far. We are only two weeks into the new school year, but the feedback I have received from staff has been exceptional. The students have made such a fantastic start to life at Taverham High School, and I genuinely could not be more impressed with how well they are settling into their new routines, building friendships and embracing everything that secondary school has to offer.

They are also zooming ahead with their House Points, having achieved the highest number as a year group for two weeks running. This is a fantastic achievement and is a real reflection of the positive attitude, enthusiasm and contribution I have seen from so many students already. I am incredibly excited to see what they can achieve as the year progresses.

I am very keen to give Year 7 as many opportunities as possible to get involved in school life beyond their lessons. With that in mind, I am excited to launch our first-ever Year 7 in-year house competition – the *Halloween Mythical Creature Challenge*. Halloween is one of my favourite times of year, so I want to give our Year 7 students the opportunity to be creative and let their imaginations run wild. The challenge is to invent an original mythical creature and create a discovery page that combines art, creative writing and imagination.

Students will be encouraged to:

- create a detailed drawing of their mythical creature
- add imaginative, labelled features
- write a short piece introducing their creature and its world
- create a creature fact file
- present their work creatively – perhaps as an ancient scroll, spell book, explorer's journal, secret creature file, map or mysterious newspaper report

The competition is now officially open. Students should register their interest with their Form Tutor over the next week. All completed entries need to be handed to me by Friday 16 October. There are many House Points up for grabs, which will contribute towards our House reward, so I would love to see as many students as possible getting involved. Students will receive further information through school today, including the full competition brief.

The challenge is simple: don't just draw a monster – create a world!

A reminder about tonight

We also have our Year 7 Parent Event this afternoon, from 4pm to 6pm. Information regarding the event has already been sent out, so please do refer to the website if needed: [home-parents and carers-letters and newsletter 2026-2027](#).

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I am really looking forward to seeing those of you who are attending and having the opportunity to speak with you about how your children have settled in so far.

Finally, thank you for all your support during these first few weeks. Starting secondary school is a huge milestone, and it has been wonderful to see Year 7 rise to the challenge so positively. I am incredibly proud to be their Head of Year and am excited for everything that is still to come.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M Rowe'.

Ms M Rowe
Head of Year 7