

October 2024

Dear families of year 7 pupils,

RE: HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE FOR YEAR 7 FAMILIES

As we approach the end of the first half term of this academic year, I wanted to write to you to thank you, and your children for their support and for the positive way in which they have settled into Chase Terrace Academy.

The year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start to their learning, really committing to life in secondary school. Attendance to school is always a focus and we would like to extend our thanks to you for your support in this. Good attendance has a direct link to good performance in school, so we are delighted so many of our year 7 pupils have maintained 100% attendance. Many of our pupils have joined sporting clubs, and extra-curricular activities such as Chess Club, Macramé Club, and have made the most of the opportunities that have presented them.

As I visit classes, and walk around the school, pupils are consistently working hard in lessons demonstrating high aspirations and are always polite and respectful. You may be aware that we teach a Behaviour Curriculum once a week, every week to all our pupils. This means we explicitly teach everyone what we expect this to look like. For example, when we say we expect pupils to be respectful, we teach them that this means using our manners to ask for something and saying please and thank you to staff and each other. Being respectful is about how we treat each other, and our environment so we ensure pupils know not to drop litter or be careless with school property and why this is important.

Communication is important to us as a school, and we hope that you have felt part of our school community as a result. Please remember that we have several ways of ensuring that you are aware of events and important notices including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Linked In, and our pupil marketing team have recently launched @CTA_TRAC on Instagram, which is produced 'for the pupils, by the pupils'. Our main method of contacting you directly will remain via MCAS, or telephone so please do ensure your details are up to date. If you need help with this, please get in touch.

We are keen to know more about the achievements of our pupils outside of school and would appreciate it if you could let us know where your child is taking part in events or activities that would deserve praise in school. If you wish to nominate your child, please complete this nomination form: <https://forms.office.com/e/8geN7NJE2D>. The nomination could be for volunteering, doing a good deed in the community, or for representing their club or county in a sporting event. Pupils get a 'Thankful Thursday' or 'Feel Good Friday' meeting to talk about their achievements and celebrate their tenacity.

We sent out a survey earlier this month and it was great to have so many of you responding to this. Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to shape the future in school for our pupils. There will be another survey next half term which we would appreciate your support with. This will be a slightly longer survey as it is

organised through the JTMAT and is conducted through an external company to provide us with unbiased and independent results.

From all of us at Chase Terrace Academy, we hope that you have a fantastic half term break and that you take time with family to rest and recharge.

Many thanks again for your support,

Ms N Mason