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Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Year 7,

We would like to welcome you all back to the Summer term. As we reflect on the end of yet another term, it fills me with immense pride and joy to witness the remarkable achievements and successes of our Year 7 community. With unwavering dedication, collaborative effort, and a commitment to excellence, we have achieved remarkable accomplishments that deserve celebration.

From academic triumphs to creative endeavours, athletic achievements to personal growth, the past term has been a testament to the hard work and resilience of each member of our school community. In the following pages, I invite you to join me in celebrating the myriad accomplishments of our Year 7 community over the last term.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Evidence shows that students who attend school more regularly and who are punctual are more successful and secure better outcomes. **Students who have 96-100% attendance miss less learning time and are, therefore, more successful at school and more likely to achieve their full potential.** Please ensure your child is meeting our attendance expectations and that they arrive at school on time. If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify a member of your child's pastoral team and report the absence daily through Studybugs so that we know they are at home safe, and we do not need to waste valuable time following up unknown absences.

This term, every Tuesday, in tutor time, everyone will be discussing attendance. Tutors will be celebrating great attendance.

Since September, Y7s have had the best attendance amongst all year groups! What a great achievement! We intend to remain on top this term, again.

Special congratulations to **7LO** who have been the best tutor group for attendance last term!

Parents' evening

Year 7 parents evening will be held on tomorrow on **Wednesday 1st May** between 4pm-7pm!

As our year 7 students have reached their last term, we feel they would have had ample amount of time to settle in during their transition and be able to show progress in all subjects. Teachers will have a more well-rounded perspective on students learning and what could be done to continue their growth. We hope you would be able to attend and see all the fantastic work the students have been doing since September.

The meetings will be held in person at the school. However, bookings will have needed to be made online using our SchoolCloud system.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the pastoral team or inclusion team to get feedback from your child's teachers.

Upon arrival, please make sure you sign in so we can hand you over a coloured paper copy of your child's newest report which will support your conversations with teachers.

Graduation

The Y7 pastoral team is very excited to announce that the **Y7 Graduation evening** will be taking place on **Thursday 13th June from 6-7pm at Deptford Green school**. I expect all students to graduate and to attend this event accompanied by a maximum of 2 adults. Please read the information below and book your tickets today!

Why do we organise a Graduation event?

The Y7 Graduation Event is to celebrate your child's successful transition from primary school into secondary school and from Year 7 into Year 8! It is to celebrate how well students have adhered to and demonstrated our school ethos and GREAT values!



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How do your child graduate?

From last week and until mid-May, your child will be asked to complete a series of tasks to prove that they have understood and can demonstrate our school values. According to how well they complete those tasks, they will access and graduate on different levels of achievement: from bronze, silver, gold to platinum. The graduation is NOT linked to the amount of LORIC points they get throughout the year. There will also be a few additional special surprise certificates awarded during that evening.

What are those tasks?

Each grid allows your child to score 12 points. The Head of Year has created 4 grid tasks (total of 48 points), one poster task (8 points) and cards (4 points). See an example of our Growth grid attached.

Growth – grid – 12 points – completed!

Great Effort – grid – 12 points – completed!

Equality & Togetherness – poster – 8 points – completed!

Respect – grid – 12 points – summer 1 – **due Friday 3rd May**

Great Organisation – grid – 12 points – summer 1

Kindness & Gratitude – thank you cards – 4 points – summer 1

How do they graduate Platinum/Gold/Bronze/Silver?

The total points equals 60 points. If a child gets below 20, they will not be able to graduate. The more tasks they complete the higher the award category they achieve. Thanks for discussing the Graduation with your child and **encouraging them to complete all the tasks to the best of their ability** so they make themselves proud on Thursday 13th June!

Following parents' evening, another **email will be sent so you can book your ticket to the event.**

Y7 residential trip – information for ALL students

For those who are taking part, the PGL trip is finally upon us! How exciting!

Most important reminder, the trip will be taking place from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th May. Meeting time for departure on **Wednesday 8th May is in front of reception at 8:30am!**

You should have received some emails with extra information about the trip (sleeping arrangements, "what to pack" list).

Please make sure that you collect your sleeping bag during parents' evening if you have requested to borrow one. Paper copies of the "what to pack" list and other key pieces of information will be available for collection during parents' evening.

If you child is not attending, they will be expected to attend school as per usual.

Throughout the last term, we have celebrated countless sporting achievements. Especially the Girls' football team have had great wins! We are very proud of you all, well done Team DG!!

Exams

To help of pupils to prepare for GCSEs in Year 11, students will have been sitting exams in maths, Science and History in the Phoenix Hall at the very start of the term. I am pleased to inform you that these exams went very well. Students raised to this new challenge!

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on the 24th July. More details to follow.

End of Year Celebrations

At the end of this term Year 7 will have an end of term trip. Dates and details to follow.

Well-being – important reminder

Our students' wellbeing is always at the forefront of what we do. If you feel your child is struggling with their mental health, remember about our in-school Counselling Service: Place2Be. Please remember that the pastoral team (Ms Mohammed and/or Ms Caltagirone) is always there to support too and can be contact with any concerns.

Place2be email: place2be@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Safeguarding – Social Media and Getting Home Safely

As our young people grow up, they will be communicating more and more through social media. This can be a brilliant way of keeping in touch with friends



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but can also pose risks of which pupils will be learning about in PSHE. I would recommend having honest and open discussions with your child about their use of social media and checking through any conversations or apps that you have concerns about.

Finally, can I take the opportunity to remind you of our expectations of students at the end of the day. We want all our students to get home safely. We therefore have staff on duty until 3.30pm every day. Please remind your child of the importance of leaving school and going straight home and not hanging around the local community.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Ms Caltagirone

Head of Year 7