

23 October 2014

Dear Parents,

Enclosed is your child’s first Interim Report for Year 7. We feel it is sensible to have an early check on how well the pupils have settled in and are working. The report will make us aware of any areas of concern that we need to focus on, but also will highlight the excellent progress and success of many pupils in the year group. Year 7 have settled into life at Sheldon extremely well, working with a high level of effort and enthusiasm in all their subjects.

This week Mr Payne, Miss le Fleming, Mrs Howe and I conducted a pupil pursuit in order to gain a greater insight into the conduct, atmosphere and routines of all pupils in Year 7 lessons. It was an excellent opportunity to observe and discuss with pupils how they have adapted into new routines and interact with staff. I have been delighted with the calm, focussed and mature start Year 7 have made in the difficult transition from their primary school to Sheldon.

Your child’s Year 7 Interim Report lists grades for Class Effort, Homework Effort and Attainment. Where a member of staff has a concern about a pupil, a letter is entered in the third column. Effort grades and Concern codes are explained on the back of the report.

**Current Attainment** is stated as a National Curriculum Sub-Level. This is the level at which your child is currently working and is expressed as a sub level:

- a Strong level
- b Sound level
- c Lower level

In previous years, Year 7 pupils have been given a target attainment grade to work towards. However, this information is nationally generated and is now not released till late November. We feel that at this early stage year 7 pupils should not be overly worried or anxious about targeted attainment grades and we wish pupils to focus purely on establishing outstanding learning routines, working with excellent effort across all subject areas and making positive friendships within the year group. However, in your child’s next report there will be a personal target attainment grade for your child to work towards.

This Interim Report is the first formal report made by teachers about how well your son/daughter is progressing in their lessons. This is then followed up with the **Parent/Tutor Evening held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**. This is an opportunity for you to discuss with the Tutor about overall progress and discuss areas your child will need to focus on for the remainder of the year. More information about this evening will be issued nearer to the event. Following this there will be a second Interim Report sent home on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and then a full written Report on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

If there are any immediate issues you wish to discuss with your child’s tutor, please contact them via your child’s planner or telephone.

Yours faithfully

**Joe Blann**  
**Head of Year 7**

**Christopher Payne**  
**Deputy Head of Year 7**

**Please return to your child’s Tutor as soon as possible.**

Pupil’s Name: .....

Tutor Group: .....

I have received my child’s Interim Report.

Signed: .....

Any comment you would like to make:
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