

6th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Parents' Tutor Evening- Thursday 13th December 2018

It has been a fantastic start for our Year 7s and we are delighted with how they have settled in and the progress that they have made. This is reflected in their excellent Attitude to Learning (ATL) grades awarded by their subject teachers and feedback from form tutors. You should all have received a detailed report from their baseline tests.

The transition from primary to secondary has been very smooth and we are delighted with the number of students who have engaged in extracurricular activities. The new lunch time arrangements for Year 7 have been a success; encouraged friendships to grow and allowed the year group to bond. The students have been able to enjoy the new astro-turf pitch and the use of the Brook Building library at lunchtimes. Their participation in House events has been superb and I hope they will continue to take advantage of all opportunities presented. DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) is embedded and allows every student to read for at least 20 minutes a day. Please continue to support reading at home and ensure that they have a reading book with them each day. Each student is also actively involved in the Accelerated Reader programme and the Edge. The Edge is part of our Character and Culture programme and allows students to focus on the key LORIC skills, (leadership, organisation, resilience, independence and communication) essential to success as a lifelong learner.

To keep you informed, there will be the following formal opportunities in the school year to discuss your child's progress. These are set out below and include other important dates;

- **Year 7 Assessment Week:** 21st January – 25th January
- **Reports Sent Out:** Week of 11th February 2019
- **Year 7 Parents Evening:** 7th March 2019

Subject teachers will be providing details of the preparation required for their first formal assessments in January. Please continue to monitor Show my Homework.

Please do note that Form Tutors will be meeting with a handful of individual parents on **Thursday 13th December**. The focus of these meetings will be to address any specific issues and concerns which have been consistently raised during this term. This does not affect the majority of our students who, as said, have made an excellent start to their learning journey at Roding Valley High School.

However, if you have any outstanding concerns and have not been invited to this concern evening, then please do contact either your son/daughter's Form Tutor or one of us directly. We will always be happy to help and support to ensure that your child is successful here at Roding Valley High School.

Yours sincerely



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