

YEAR 7 BULLETIN

CARING - DETERMINED - REFLECTIVE

• A BRILLIANT START •

Thank you so much for the fantastic turn-out to our Year 7 Parents' Information Evening last week. It was really good to see so many of you and we really appreciated your time. As we stated in the talks, we have been so impressed with the start that our Year 7 students have made. They have demonstrated The Malling School Way (TMSW) and are genuinely trying to display our core character values of being Caring, Determined and Reflective. Attendance, punctuality, behaviour and standards of uniform have been very impressive, and we are sure these high standards will continue for the remainder of the academic year.



• HOMEWORK - HOW TO LOG ON •

All necessary information about homework can be found on our school website www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk under the following section: **student » homework**

You will find a homework timetable and videos showing you how you can help your child(ren) log on to our various platforms on our website. There is also a button for IT Support should a password need to be re-set etc.

All our Remote Home Learning resources can be found on our website under: **student » homework » remote learning**. As a reminder, the platforms we use for online home learning and homework are:

- Mathematics <u>Hegarty</u>
- Science <u>Tassomai</u>
- All other subjects (via TEAMS)

Don't forget that we run a homework club that students may attend should they need help to complete their homework. This takes place in the school library every day between 8-8.45am and 3.20 - 4.00pm.

• PERIOD 1 •

We will always place as much importance on our students' Personal Development & Character Education as we do their academic achievement. This is one of the reasons we are formally recognised as one of only three secondary schools in England who have been awarded status as a School of Character Plus, from the national Association of Character Education.

Our Year 7 continue to follow our PD&CE curriculum in Period One, where they have already this term started to read a novel called The Bone Sparrow and discuss the moral dilemmas that arise around TMSW. In addition to this, the Year 7 PSHE lessons have covered the following topics: TMSW, Organisation, Rights & Responsibility, Health Relationships, Identity and Respect.



• ATTENDANCE •

Year 7 attendance currently sits at just under 97%. Our minimum target is 96%. We will always strive for 100% as we know that being absent from school is the single most important reason that children do not make as much academic or personal development progress as they could. Thank you for your continued support in sending your child(ren) to school every day. Please do not hesitate to contact your child(ren)'s <u>Pastoral Leader</u> as the first point of contact should you have any concerns regarding attendance. If your child(ren) is going to be absent for any reason, please ensure you notify our Attendance Officer before 8.30am by emailing <u>emma.stock@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk</u>

• PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY •

Participation in one of the 61 lunchtime and afterschool clubs we offer at TMS is an important part of TMSW and ensuring we develop our student's character, too. As a polite reminder, we expect every student to participate in at least one PDP each term and will soon be asking every student to tell us what club or clubs they have chosen so we can monitor this.

• Click <u>here</u> to view the PDP timetable •

• TMSW REWARD POINTS •

Year 7 students have already received <u>2901</u> TMSW Reward points since the start of term.

