

Introduction

Within this termly newsletter you will find information tailored to Y7 students and parents with updates on upcoming events and useful information as students begin their time at Outwood Academy Freston!



Don't forget to follow @OutwoodFreston on Twitter for further updates!

A message from Y7 Learning Manager Amber Murthick

"Year 7 have made an amazing start! I have been blown away with their attitude to learning and how polite, respectful and responsible they are. I am really looking forward to the year ahead to get to know them all invidiculally and support them through their journey here with us."

ACE Programme



As we welcomed Y7 to the Academy, we launched the ACE Programme to all students. This series of 12 lessons that all students have now completed demonstrates how we expect all new students to Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Responsible. We had a celebration on Monday this week where students were nominated for being September Superstars!

A fantastic start for all Y7s!



Parent Portal

The parent portal is an online tool that will allow you to access real-time information about your child's academic progress. Through the portal, you will be able to view attendance records, view praise given to your child by teachers, number of sanctions issued in school and access overviews of Praising Stars reports including academic & effort grades.

Follow the link below or scan the QR code
<https://portal.outwood.com>



Homework

Homework is set slightly different in each subject. We have a overview on the next page, which details what your child will receive each week for each subject. English homework is reading every day for 30 mins. Some will be set on Google Classroom and others on different platforms such as Sparks for Maths or Language Nut for Spanish.

Google Guardian Summaries

Google Guardian Summaries allows parents to view and receive updates about students work that is uploaded to Google Classroom. This will be a mix of subject lessons, homework and further reading. Y7 students will receive a link to authorise this via their year group Google Classroom.

Please sit with them to do this as they will need a parent / carer email address.



Home learning work is posted into Google Classroom
For greater detail of each subject area please [click here](#)



Homework Schedule 2023 - 2024

English	30 minutes personal reading book every day. Complete the accelerated reader quiz after finishing each book All students also have access to myON , an online library.	Weekly
Maths	Online Sparx maths - complete the compulsory set assignment. Sparx automatically sends emails to parents/carers. Competitions run for the top scoring students.	Weekly
Science	Project based science projects - All work for year 7 Science is on Google Classroom.	Fortnightly
History	History work is project based and set every half term.	Half Term
Geography	Geography work is set on google classroom based on topic work for that half term	Half Term
Spanish	Language Nut for all students - Students complete the weekly set tasks	Weekly
Art & Design	Drawing practice tasks or research tailored to the artist or culture learnt in lesson time.All work and resources are uploaded into the students' google classroom for art.	Weekly
DT	Quizzes are set fortnightly, design tasks and CAD work is ongoing.Tasks set reinforce technical knowledge or allow for further design and make tasks.	Fortnightly
Drama	Google form after each unit of work as a knowledge check.This will take the form of either multiple choice questions or short written answers.	Fortnightly
ICT	Homework is set through Google Classroom when appropriate.All resources are provided on Google Classroom for independent learning at home.This may take the form of google quizzes, work sheets or completing work from lessons.	Fortnightly
Music	Google form after each unit of work as a knowledge check.This will take the form of either multiple choice questions or short written answers.	Fortnightly
Life/RE	In Year 7 this is found in the form of mini-projects, posted into Google Classroom at the appropriate point. Reviews of learning take the form of mini-starter quizzes.	Fortnightly

Balance of student autonomy with collaboration to help students flourish.
Sign up to Guardian Summaries to see the assignments set.



Year 7