

# GHS YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

I am so pleased and proud of Year 7, they have had a brilliant start to high school. Teachers are very complimentary of this year group and I receive positive emails about your children every week.

We have high expectations of our students with regards to behaviour, attitude to learning and presentation. The uniform of the year group has been exceptional, and it is clear they take pride in this. The overall enthusiasm for learning and taking part in extra-curricular activities has been a pleasure to witness.

Students have been working hard to earn character points and we celebrate this every week in assembly. We have several students now that have managed to achieve their 'courage badge' and the first 30 students will be rewarded with a trip later in the year.

During the next half-term, we have the first set of interims coming out for Year 7, followed by their first tutor evening. This is a perfect opportunity to have conversations with form tutors and the year team.

As we are going into the winter months, I would advise our students to dress appropriately and make sure they have a suitable coat with them, they are allowed to wear scarves, but they need to be plain and only school colours. We want them to enjoy being outside at break and lunch times to get some fresh air between lessons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via email on: [pastoralteam7@greenford.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:pastoralteam7@greenford.ealing.sch.uk)

Many thanks,

**Miss Hughes**  
**Head of Year 7**



Well done to Manal Seddik 7T1, Preethiga Gunalan 7T2, Makisha Kishnathas 7G2, Sivani Sivahran 7W2 and Kishoth Nijanthan 7G1 for being the first 5 students in Year 7 to achieve their 'courage' badge!

## **Year 7 logistics**

### **Reminders:**

- If your child has a detention they must attend.
- Failure to attend a 30 minute detention results in a 1 hour detention the following day.
- Failure to attend the 1 hour detention will result in a 1 hour 30 min detention on Friday.
- Failure to attend the Friday detention will result in an Internal Exclusion.
- Parents/carers will receive a text on the day of the detention or a phone call depending on the reason.
- Students must be on time to school and on time to lessons. This is imperative for their learning.

### **Key Dates:**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October- First day back**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November- Year 7 Tutors Evening**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December- Last day of term**



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Extra-curricular clubs have been a highlight this half-term. The Year 7 boys football team had their first match and although they were not the champions this time around, they played superbly demonstrating brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship!

Netball club



## Form time Schedule for Year 7

**Monday-** Assembly

**Tuesday-** Reading programme focusing on 'Notting Hill Carnival: A West Side Story'.

**Wednesday-** Achievement programme- discussions about Year 7 life

**Thursday-** PSHCE & attendance focus

**Friday-** Quiz



In year 7 Literacy lesson, some pupils have been reading the novel *Koku Akanbi and the Heart of Midnight* by Maria Motunrayo Adebisi. This novel is a fantasy tale and allows students the opportunity to experience a culture that may be different to their own! What makes this novel even better is the fact that it has been written by one of our ex-students- Maria used to come to Greenford High.

On Tuesday 17th, Maria joined us in the school Library for a visit! She wowed the students with her brilliance; they completed quizzes, learnt about Sickle Cell and Nigerian culture. Maria even read from her novel. Two lucky students won a signed copy of the novel- well done Myla and Danyal! Many of them are now inspired to become writers themselves!

