

20 July, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

End of Year 7 Letter

As we approach the end of Year 7, it is with great pride, that we can look back over the last year and see how the students have matured and progressed. As we move forward into Year 8, it is encouraging to see the students getting prepared and embracing the challenges that a new academic year will present to them. In order to achieve their very best, be ready to learn and focussed in their lessons, we expect that all students will return in September in full Academy uniform and fully equipped including stationery, a reading book and an appropriate school bag. This year has seen a huge improvement in uniform standards and the students have taken pride in their appearance, not just in Year 7, but across the whole school.

For Year 8, all students will be expected to have a reading book with them at all times as part of their equipment. As you are aware, reading is crucial to every young person's success. Reading helps young minds develop socially, intellectually, inspires creativity and imagination. Reading also improves spelling, expands vocabulary and improves memory (which is all key to aid your child's progress). If your child does not have a reading book in September, don't worry, they will have the opportunity to select one from the wide range of books available in our fantastic library. Each of our students has an individual username and password for Accelerated Reader. Accelerated Reader is software which we use to monitor the practice of reading; this can be accessed via the school website. Please encourage your child to use this and take advantage of this excellent software over the summer. I appreciate your support in regards to this.

We also had our annual Academy Colours presentation with students receiving their awards in a presentation attended by staff, parents and students. Year 7 students received 12 sports colours, 94 commendations from across all subjects, 94 subject colours and 8 citizen colours and 8 character colours. Congratulations to those students and the hard work they have shown over this academic year.

We would also like to congratulate our Form Captains who were nominated at the start of the academic year and have been a fantastic help and support to their form groups. **Thank you to Alisha Mirza, Ryan King, Charlee Bridges, Racheal Taylor, Luke Woodward, Enrico Wallace, Tamzin Cooper, Amy Higginbottom, Owen Rogers, Kathryn Twigg, Mason Fisher, Chloe Brooker, Kane Taylor, Keana Malin-Hayes, Harvey Ricketts for their hard work and commitment this academic year.**

With such a positive academic year coming to an end, and with 80% of students on track in the majority of their subjects, we are looking forward to welcoming the students back in Year 8 to Park Hall Academy. It is a journey we will share together and if this year is anything to go by, we have no doubt that every student will have a successful and rewarding academic year.

A strong partnership between school and home is paramount to optimise the positive outcomes for our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with the Academy during Year 7 your support is gratefully received. I look forward to continuing that support throughout Year 8.

I wish you a safe and restful summer and look forward to welcoming the students into year 8 in September.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Williams
Head of Year 7