

Gordano Learning

Year 7 Learning Update

Director of Key Stage 3: Mr Snow



The past three months have been exceptionally busy for our Year 7 students and there is much to celebrate. Year 7 students led the way in the ratio of merits to sanctions awarded between January and March, with 24 merits for every behaviour point, a higher ratio than any other year group. I am very proud of the year group and also very pleased to see the students gain this recognition from their teachers.

Outside the classroom all our Year 7 students were treated to a wonderful concert by the Jazz Band and Barbershop Choir, who performed pieces from their recent tour to the Netherlands. Continuing the musical theme, the Year 7 Disco lived up to the students' high expectations and proved very popular once again. A huge thanks to our Year 12 Business students for organising the event so successfully.

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Spelling Bee competition organised by the Modern Foreign Languages Faculty in February. Many of our Year 7 students also took part in the lunchtime activities put on by the Science Faculty to celebrate British Science Week earlier this month and we held a number of events to mark World Book Day. Very well done to the boys who took part in the Footy Booky Literacy Trust quiz and to Erin who won the library's crossword-based scavenger hunt.



In the last week of January all the Year 7 tutor groups went to Street to undertake some Geography fieldwork, analysing the impact Clarks Village has had on the local high street. The students conducted themselves admirably and put their best efforts into the tasks, with 7B1 emerging as the overall winners of the challenge.

Sporting Success

Many Year 7 students have put their energies into representing the school in various sporting fixtures – thanks to all for their efforts. Among many recent successes, mention must be made of the Year 7 girls' netball team, who are now West of England champions, having won a tense final match by a single point. As Ms Blundell has already pointed out in her newsletter, the girls are perfect examples of the values of resilience, teamwork and dreaming big. They can quite rightly be proud of their phenomenal achievement.



To celebrate International Women's Day, all the Year 7 girls were treated to an inspiring presentation by PC Kara Zalewska about the role of a police officer, including interactive demonstrations of skills related to life-saving, problem-solving – and dressing up in full riot gear!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd April
Tue 29th / Wed 30th April
Thursday 1st May
Thursday 22nd May

Year 7 General Knowledge Quiz
Dance Showcase
Junior Maths Challenge
Year 7 Celebration Evening

Friday 20th June
Friday 26th June
w/b Monday 30th June
Thursday 10th July
Wed 16th / Thu 17th July

House Swimming Gala
Yr7 Achievement Review 2
Activities Week Residential
Sports Day
DT & Creative Arts Festival

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Looking ahead, you may be interested to see the topics that feature on the Year 7 curriculum between April and the end of the school year. These are listed below by subject.

May I finish by wishing our Year 7 students and their families a very happy Easter break. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and I look forward to seeing everyone again when the new term begins on **Tuesday 22nd April**, which will be in **Week Two** of the school's fortnightly timetable.

Subject	Term 5	Term 6
English	Shakespeare: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Love Poetry
Mathematics	Percentages, Sequences	Ratio, Proportion, Averages
Science (Biology)	Gas Exchange, Circulation, Fitness	Biomass, Sampling, Populations
Science (Chemistry)	Mixtures, Compounds	Chemical Reactions
Science (Physics)	Light and Sound	Lever
French/Spanish	School	Sports
Geography	Weather	Development
History	Tudors and the Reformation	English Civil War
Ethics / PSHE	Community Values	Values in Action
Computing	E-Safety	Cyber Security
Design and Technology	<i>Food, Graphics, Product Design, Textiles</i>	<i>Classes taught projects in rotation</i>
Art	Landscapes	Landscapes
Drama	Page to Stage: <i>Ernie</i>	Page to Stage: <i>Ernie</i>
Dance	Ballet: <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Ballet: <i>The Nutcracker</i>
Music	Music for Dancing	Performance: Acoustic Covers
Physical Education	Athletics, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis	Athletics, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis