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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

We were delighted to welcome our science leader Mrs Spiewak into today's assembly to talk about British Science Week and about the theme of 'staying curious.' She talked about how some of the most significant discoveries of all time have begun with simple questions and a desire to find out more. The Year 7 team are always proud to show off our standards in the assembly hall to colleagues who may not get the chance to see them every week - our pupils are attentive, polite and just wonderful.

A Year Group to be Proud Of

As always, Miss Carroll dished out lots of praise for those pupils and tutor groups with best attendance and most achievement points linked to excellent habits, polite and kind behaviour, great effort and demonstrating our core values. In the interests of being clear, we also addressed with all pupils what next steps follow where behaviour falls short of our high expectations: a small number of pupils have parent/carer meetings booked in so we can address any concerns while they are still relatively low-level. We are fortunate to have a Y7 community that shares our goal of 100% disruption free learning - parent/carer support makes a huge difference. Year 7 sets the standard for every year that follows so it is vital we do not relax our expectations in terms of pupil conduct, effort and learning.

The applause in the assembly hall today for our Y7 Netball team was loud and proud. Fantastic smiles in the photograph of a team of young women from many different primary schools who have only met this year but quickly come together as a brilliant team. We are so proud to see them through to Finals Day on March 21st.

Student Council

We had excellent feedback from Mrs Adams this week who recently conducted some student voice interviews with Student Council representatives. Among the issues the young people raised were increasing outdoor seating capacity during break and lunchtimes and some of the potential extra-curricular trips they would like to see over the coming years. Mrs Adams was very impressed by the thoughtful and mature responses offered by the pupils across all year groups. We are especially proud that some of our Y7 pupils feel confident to sit in these forums with older pupils and staff and ensure that Y7 voices are heard.

Line-Ups and Standards

Perhaps it's Spring in the air, or perhaps some families passed on the reminders from last week's letter - but this week's morning line-ups have absolutely shone, 'September standards' on full display. A short line-up - we aim for no more than four minutes - clearly marks the transition between social time and lesson time. It supports all pupils, especially those who need that time to regulate and re-focus before lessons. We love to see pupils running around enjoying their social time and our yard is a hive of activity: skipping, playing catch, football - therefore it is important that all pupils line up promptly to show that lesson time has begun. Many thanks for your support with this - as always, it makes a huge difference.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Vice Principal

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