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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

### **Another busy week!**

How the weeks fly. We asked Y7 to bring the sunshine when we started back after Easter, and they have certainly done so this week. Mr Graham mentions in his Friday update that we had visitors in school this week and it was great to showcase our fantastic Year 7 at line-up first thing Tuesday morning. This gave visitors the chance to chat to some of our Y7 pupils about their experience of moving up to secondary, our rules, routines and expectations. I was brought up not to 'show-off,' - but I can never resist a chance to boast about our fantastic Y7 pupils! Our daily morning line-up gives us the chance to check standards, praise the pupils for their fantastic attendance and attentiveness and set the calm and positive tone for the day ahead.

### **Ski Trip - Italy 2027**

We welcomed Mrs Adams into today's assembly to talk about the Italy Ski Trip which will take place in the Easter holidays, 2027. Mrs Adams was able to share amazing photographs from this year's trip. We hope that many of our current Year 7 will be able to take advantage of this brilliant opportunity in the spring of Year 8. It is always lovely to welcome staff into assembly and as expected Mrs Adams was full of praise for the warm welcome and polite attentiveness in the assembly hall.

### **Water Safety**

With the warmer weather it was timely and important for Year 7 to hear some serious reminders about safety around open water in today's assembly. All pupils were reminded of the importance of only swimming in designated, supervised spaces and acting sensibly near any bodies of water. Reminders were also given of how to act in an emergency situation. There were powerful and moving stories as part of the assembly in order to ensure that these messages were absolutely clear. As always, we were so proud of the mature and focused response of Year 7.

### **Theatre Trip - 'Summer Holiday' at the Sheffield Crucible Theatre - July 2026**

Our final few spaces are available for purchase via School Gateway should you wish to secure a place for your child.

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### **Year 7 SSAs**

As Mr Graham mentions in his letter, Year 7 SSAs will take place next week. The children do not need to worry about these. The SSAs will give valuable experience of exam venue protocol and procedure, and they are a great opportunity for Year 7 to demonstrate some of the progress they have made so far since joining us in September. We have plans in place to ensure that pupils are in the right place at the right time.

### **Y7 Consultation Evening**

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the Academy on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 3.30pm and 6.30 pm for our Y7 Consultation evening. You will receive a letter with access to the booking system for appointments with your child's teachers. The Year 7 team will also be around on the evening. It is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress in the various subject areas and to celebrate the fantastic start Year 7 have made to secondary school life.

### **Gathering Feedback - the 'Step Up to Secondary.'**

Many thanks for the responses we have received so far. If you are able to share some comments that we could anonymise and share with younger pupils, hearing straight from current Year 7 families is powerfully reassuring for pupils who will be 'stepping up' in September. The survey should only take a couple of minutes, and can be accessed here:

You can give feedback here: [Feedback Form](#)

Yours faithfully,



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