

YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER

February Half-term 2020



It has been a really positive and productive half-term for the Year 7 students. In what is usually one of the more challenging half-terms with the shorter daylight hours and colder weather, the students have remained engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. This was most evident in the recent reports that have gone home to parents and out to students. We were delighted to see that these were reports were some of the strongest we have ever seen for a Year 7 cohort. The number of students achieving excellent and good grades was astounding and they should be extremely proud of the effort they are putting each day they come to school. The best thing is that each day is a new one and with that brings another opportunity to make further progress and develop new skills. This growth mind-set approach can really make a difference to an individual's ability to achieve success. We hope that all students can maintain these standards throughout this year and for their remaining time at Fulford.

What has been happening this term?



What a great photograph! This epitomises what a fabulous year group this cohort of students are and the fantastic effort and attitude that is being shown within school. The photo was taken in the final week of the half term at a Celebration Event organised by Mr Bonsels. Students that had received either one of the top twenty Best Reports or the Most Improved were invited to the Youth Centre where they were treated to hot chocolate and cookies as a well done for all their hard work. Mr Lewis attended and gave some words of praise and encouragement. The end of year reports provide a final opportunity for students to attend such an event.

Year 7 Bikeability

The Level 3 Bikeability course was offered to all students in Year 7 in mid-January. It is run by the Council to encourage the safe use of bikes across York. Many students completed the Level 1 and 2 at Primary school and this was a chance to increase their knowledge of the road by completing the next level. It was great to see over 60 Year 7 students wanting to take part to develop new skills by taking this fantastic opportunity. The training has commenced and is taking place during school time for a number of weeks. It is being led by qualified trainers who take the students out either in pairs or individually. The feedback from students has been excellent and they have really enjoyed the course. Maisie Booth was one of these students and wrote the following: 'I wanted to do Bikeability because I enjoyed it at primary school. It was interesting doing Level 3, we learned how to cross junctions, ride on major roads and use different positions on the road. I would recommend it to anyone who goes on their bike often like me'.



Year 7 STEM Trip

Forty Year 7 students went on a trip to the National STEM Centre in January aiming to learn more about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and associated careers. The event was a live stage show specially designed to inspire children from a wide diversity of backgrounds to consider STEM careers. It was hosted by the BBC presenter and scientist Fran Scott. The show took students on an interactive journey as they investigated the world of STEM and learn about modern role models from a wide diversity of backgrounds and their contributions to science and engineering. There were live experiments and thought-provoking activities to empower young people of all backgrounds to have the confidence to set future goals and pursue their dreams.

Numeracy Challenge

Following on from the literacy assembly that Year 7 students had before Christmas, students were given an assembly on the importance of numeracy across the curriculum. It was stressed that numeracy is not just essential in maths lessons but across all subjects. As a way of recognising this students were set a numeracy challenge. They had to estimate the mean number of panini's sold in the canteen each week for the past ten weeks. A £30 Amazon gift voucher was given to the winner, followed by a £20 and £10 for the second and third place respectively. The winner was Ffion Lloyd with Daniel Sutherland and Daisy Glover coming second and third. The mean average estimate was 846 which was about 100 too high of the actual mean which was 746. Thank you to Mr Hickling who coordinated the challenge.

Extracurricular Activities

Girls Football

It has been an extremely busy time for the Year 7 girls football team. They have been competing all over Yorkshire and against other schools in many different fixtures in the last few weeks. In the days before we broke up for Christmas they competed in 5 aside tournament. In the first match they comfortably beat Tadcaster 6-0 before thrashing Manor 8-0! The final group match was a 2-1 win against Archbishop's Holgate. In the final the girls showed tremendous grit and determination to draw 2-2 against Huntington. The match went into extra time but no one could find a winner. Eventually the girls scored a golden goal to come out victorious! A superb victory and an excellent end to the term.



On the 15th of January, the Year 7 girls football team played in Round 3 of the U12's PlayStation Cup at Malet Lambert School in Hull. It was a challenging start to the game due to Malet Lambert having a strong side and an outstanding keeper who was saving lots of goal scoring opportunities. The Fulford girls showed lots of skill with their passing but Malet Lambert School managed to get through the defence making it 1-0. Fulford fought back and soon after Abigail Miller managed to score a fantastic goal making it 1-1. The battle continued and just before half time, Malet Lambert managed to score a goal, making it 2-1 to them at half time. In the second half, the girls went straight onto the pitch with a positive attitude, communicated a lot better and as always, showed great skill on the ball. Their resilience was outstanding and their determination and teamwork led to a full time score of 5-2 to Fulford. Goals from Florence Anderson, Abigail Miller (2) and Emma Nurse (2). All of the team had a great game and worked really hard for the full 60 minutes. On to round 4...

On February 5th the girls travelled to South Hunsley School for Round 4 of the PlayStation Cup. They knew it was going to be a challenging match as the opposing team were known to be extremely talented at football. However, so are the mighty Fulford dream team! The girls were outstanding and gave their best performance of the season so far. Demonstrating excellent skill, control and tactical thinking they managed to go 1-0 up at half time with a super goal from Emma Nurse. The battle continued throughout the whole match and it was a very close game. In the last minute of the game, South Hunsley managed to gain possession and get through the defence leaving a one on one against Lydia in goal... but Lydia dived and made an almighty save so the game ended 1-0 to Fulford School. Round 5 is awaiting to be announced. What a fabulous effort by all the girls and we look forward to hearing what the next round brings.

Girls Netball

Both the Year 7 A and B netball teams have been in action this half term. They competed against Archbishop Holgate's School on 16th January. Both teams were brilliant and Miss Sweet said she was very proud of them all, especially due to the number of training sessions that have been missed due to the rain! The A team won 6-2 and the B team won 2-0.

On Monday 27th January, both teams travelled to play against Manor. The A team had a battle on their hands due to Manor having a great team. Fulford worked hard throughout the match but unfortunately in the end lost by 1 point, with the final score ending 3-2 to Manor. The B team performed incredibly well and, even with some players having to try new positions that were out of their comfort zones, they won their match 9-0! Well done to both teams for their determination and teamwork.



Girls Hockey

On Tuesday 28th of January the Year 7 girls hockey team went to Wakefield Girls' High School for a fixture. The A team won 3-1 and B team lost 3-1. They played brilliantly despite the wet and freezing conditions! Players of the match were Ffion Lloyd and Catherine Wilson. A special mention to Emma Train for a great debut in goal. Maisy Booth, Lottie Cullum, Ffion Lloyd, Ella Wheeler, Florence Anderson, Ava Wright, Amber Mawer, Fern Thompson, Maddy Chalk, Amelia Dyer, Lily Goodman, Emma Nurse, Daisy Hancock, Catherine Wilson, Lily Wilson and Lizzie Hillery.



Year 7 Extra-curricular Timetable

There are so many opportunities for Year 7 students to be involved in an extra-curricular activity. This year the range of activities available is phenomenal from sport to music to drama to crochet! We are encouraging all Year 7 students to get involved and try something they have never experienced before. It is a fantastic way to meet new people and develop new skills. We would advise students to go along to a club at least three times to get a real flavour of what to expect. The timetable is below with all activities running at lunchtime (except the drama production rehearsals). It is also worthwhile checking the Fulford School website to access the whole school extra-curricular timetable as there may be other clubs listed on there (link below). It would be a shame to miss out on any one of these brilliant clubs.

<https://www.fulford.york.sch.uk/information-for-students-parents/school-clubs-activities/>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Girls hockey	YoYo Invaders Club	Choir	Girls football	Mixed badminton
STEM club	Girls netball	Girls basketball	Boys football	Book squad
MFL Film club	Digital Natives	Games club	Fitness club	Boys rugby
Girls basketball	Bridge club		Bridge club	Games club
Crochet club	Jazz band		Drama club	
Chess club	Homework club		Classics club	
Keyboard club	Games club		Homework club	
Games club	School production rehearsals (after school)		Games club	
				



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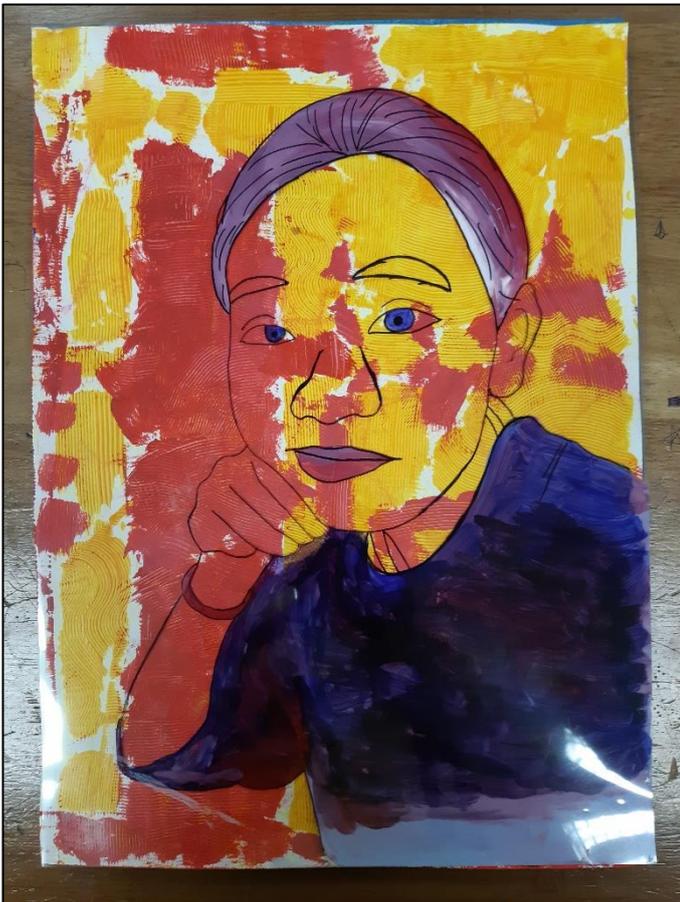
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Other subject news

Art and Design

Since the last edition of the Year 7 Newsletter students have been working on self-portraits using colour theory to create some eye catching designs. The finished articles have been produced and look stunning.



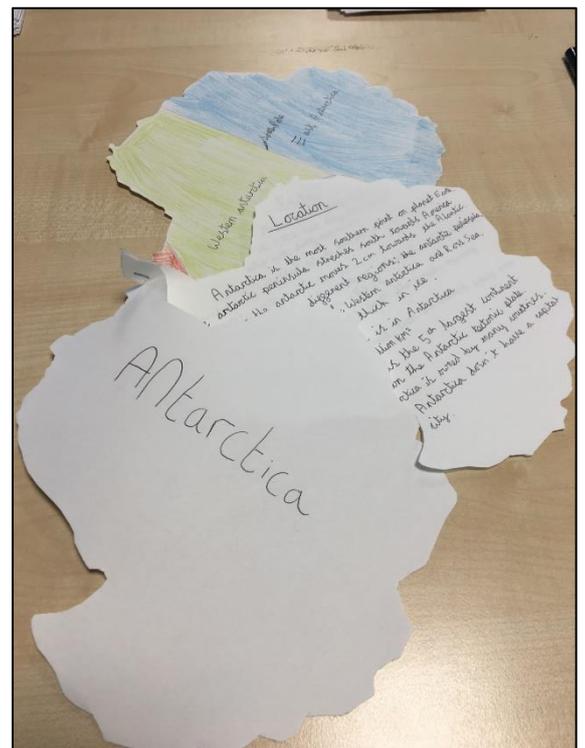
Design and Technology

Year 7 students have been creative in textiles making pillows inspired by different animals. Students had to design the pillow before cutting the fabric correctly and stitching their designs together. The most popular choice of animal seemed to be the cat and the quality of the finished pieces was excellent.



Geography

Studying the different continents has been the theme in Geography for Year 7 students this half term. They were asked to research a chosen continent and produce an information poster about it. This awesome piece of individual work by Ellie Rowson shows how engaged and enthusiastic students were about the project. Antarctica is a particularly interesting choice of continent but extremely relevant to global affairs currently. With so much worry over climate change Scientists are working hard in Antarctica to try to work out the rate at which the ice is melting. Early indications are not good with results showing the ice is retreating at an alarming rate with glaciers melting rapidly. This ultimately leads to increased sea levels and can impact upon weather patterns and climates all over the world. Which Year 7 will be the next pioneer to solve the problem of climate change?





Drama and Music

During the final week of this half term the school production of Peter Pan took place. Students (and staff) have been rehearsing frantically during and after school. Students have performed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night this week. So many Year 7 students have been involved and it is refreshing to see the array of talent on show. Hopefully in a few years some of these students will be in line for the main parts. A huge well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Mrs Windrum and Miss Durham as well as all the other members of staff involved for their efforts in producing the show.

What is coming up next half term?

Monday 9th March – Early closure for Year 9 Progress Reviews

Thursday 26th March – Y7H half parents evening (details to be sent out at the start of next half term)

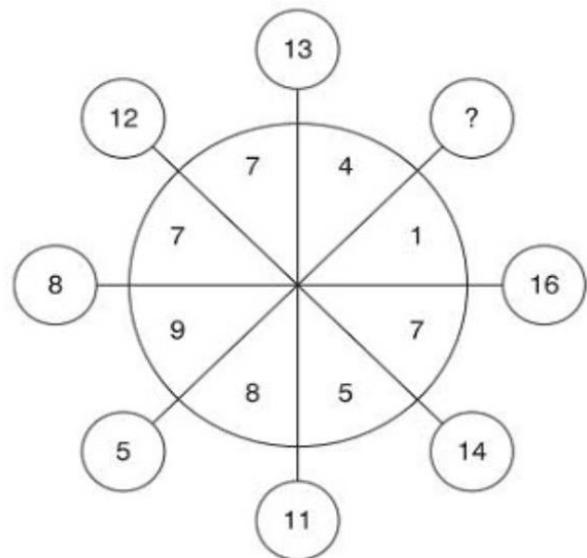
Monday 30th March – Y7E half parents evening (details to be sent out at the start of next half term)

Thursday 2nd April – School finishes for Easter

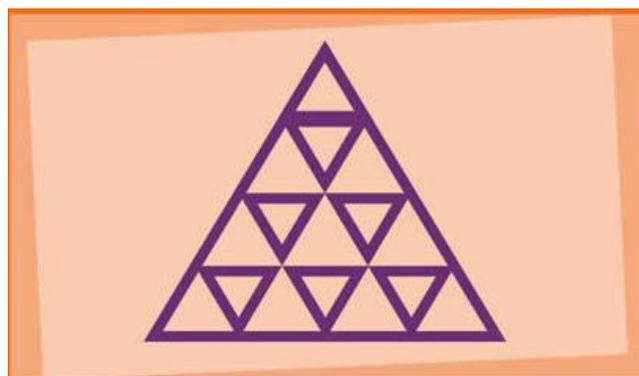
Friday 3rd April – Staff training day



Last half term's brain teaser was to work out the missing number from the puzzle on the right. The answer was 17. Each number in the circle is the sum of the numbers in the opposite quadrant. In this case, the numbers are eight and nine — added together makes 17.



This half term's brain teaser is to work out how many triangles there are in this picture.



Half Term

CHALLENGE

The last half term challenge was successfully completed by only one Year 7 student! I imagine that everyone was taking a well-deserved break however this new challenge represents another opportunity to develop more skills.

This half term challenge is a foreign language one! One of my favourite countries to visit is Spain due to the incredible climate, relaxed lifestyle and excellent food. It was also a subject I studied at A Level so I have a real interest in speaking the language too. You will be learning both French and Spanish currently and maybe thinking about taking one for GCSE in the future. The challenge this month is to pick one of these languages and write a paragraph in that language about yourself. It could be your hobbies, family, school life or anything else you can think of. It is a great way to practise your writing skills for the subject and express your opinions. Please hand in any completed paragraphs to Mr Bonsels whose challenge it will be to try to translate them.



Thought for the half-term



This thought challenges your desire to try something new and take all the opportunities that come your way. During your school life there will be so many activities, trips and openings that are available. A recent example was the Bikeability training offered through school. Did you take this chance? It is important not to sit back and let opportunities like this pass you by as they are a chance to develop your personal skills. This will be massively beneficial in the future when you are applying for educational courses (college/university/apprenticeships) and looking for jobs.

Think about yourself and when something like this presents itself, grab it with both hands. It doesn't matter that all your friends aren't doing it because you will be the one to benefit in the long term. Go and create your future in a way that will allow you to flourish.

Student of the Month

January

The following students have all been nominated for Student of the Month for January. Huge congratulations for all the hard work and effort. The winner was Jacob (highlighted in red) for a superb model cell project in Science.

Will	Atkinson	Will always has an enthusiastic attitude in English and is always happy to contribute and try his hardest.	English	Mrs Bloxwich
Abraham	Berkhout	Despite joining the group later in the year, Abraham has settled really well into his fox 'pet pillow' project and has come in on numerous lunch times to get it finished. Amazing progress and a lovely product. Well done.	Food/Textiles	Mrs Butler
Joe	Conlon	Outstanding contribution in PE	Physical Education	Mr Walker
Emily	Draper	For trying so hard with all her work and as a consequence producing a great final piece.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson
Jayden	Felton	Fantastic improvement in focus and effort in Geography. He also shared lots of facts from a book that he brought in.	Geography	Mr Hickling
Anna	Garland	Amazing specialised cell model for science project	Science	Mrs Faint
Jacob	Garnham	Amazing specialised cell model for science project	Science	Mrs Faint
Ceon	Gurung	Excellent attitude in Computing	Computer Science	Mr Dring
Lizzie	Hillery	Outstanding contribution in PE	Physical Education	Mr Walker
Lizzie	Hillery	For producing a super final piece - it shows great skill.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson
Eryn	Jewitt	For being polite, focused and mature. What a super student to have in the classroom.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson
Harry	Jobson	Fantastic effort and attitude to learning in Spanish, well done!	Spanish	Miss Caulton
Harry	Jobson	For amazing questions, great focus and being an altogether brilliant student. Well done!	History	Miss Smith
Maisie	Leach	Excellent attitude in Computing	Computer Science	Mr Dring
Addie	Leadley	For showing commitment to the course and producing a superb final piece, well done.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson
Ruohan	Li	For using art materials with great skill and creativity. For doing it all with a positive attitude. AND for producing a superb final piece.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson

Jasmine	Liang-Wallis	For being a gorgeous student, always focused, taking everything on which is suggested and for producing a stunning final piece.	Art & Design	Mrs Howson
Rajveer	Matharu	For his excellent attitude in every lesson and brilliant effort.	English	Ms Cole
Amber	Mawer	Fantastic extra research and sharing of information about Australian wildfires in Geography.	Geography	Mr Hickling
Abigail	Miller	For hard work and consistent effort shown in PE.	Physical Education	Miss Chapman
Layla	Miller	Always hard working in RE - keep it up!	Religious Studies	Mr Hepplestone
Katie	Morgan	Fantastic effort and attitude to learning in Spanish, well done!	Spanish	Miss Caulton
Katie	Morgan	For her ambition, hard work and positive approach to lessons.	English	Ms Cole
Safa	Rasheed	Dedicated student, as demonstrated by her almost 100% score in End of Unit Assessments	Spanish	Mr Patchett
Jack	Reep	Amazing effort and contributions consistently given in History! Keep it up!	History	Miss Smith
Bella	Reid	Outstanding contribution in PE	Physical Education	Mr Walker
Ellie	Rowson	For such a fantastic effort in completing the Year 7 Newsletter challenge	All	Mr Bonsels
Ellie	Rowson	Brilliant portrait work this term.	Art & Design	Mrs Donaldson
Jack	Stott	Jack consistently works hard and has produced some wonderful creative writing recently.	English	Mrs Bloxwich
Ned	Swarbrick	Ned was excellent during our Whoosh activity on 'The Tempest' today! Great characterisation.	Drama	Miss Greene
Millie	Thrower	Millie has really put in a lot of effort in science classes this term, starting to contribute regularly to class discussions and sharing her answers and thoughts with the class. Her work is always neatly presented, especially any labelling work completed	Science	Mr Borwell
Caleb	Tierney-Coates	Excellent attitude in Computing	Computer Science	Mr Dring
Lily	Wells	A great self-portrait- well done.	Art & Design	Mr Hughes