



# Year 7 Welcome

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A very warm **welcome** from all of us at Heanor Gate Science College. We are proud to have your children with us and we look forward to working alongside them and you for the up and coming years through their educational journey. The first few weeks of term can be nerve wracking for both students and parents alike but the year group are settling in well and working hard in their lessons. The students are undertaking a whole new range of subjects that they haven't studied before and are learning new skills on a daily basis. Myself and Mr Stoddart, your child's Assistant Achievement Leader, will be focusing our efforts on ensuring that the students have good attendance, good effort in lessons and an overall good experience of life at Heanor Gate and we would like to enlist your support in doing that. Please support your child by ensuring that they attend regularly, by checking their online homework on 'Show My Homework' and that uniform standards remain high.



### Uniform and Equipment

Students should be in the correct uniform every day and bring all of the necessary equipment to be able to succeed. Doing this demonstrates a willingness to learn and Personal Tutors will be checking this daily. Achievement (A) points will be issued to students who have the correct uniform and equip-

### Year 7 Photos

The official school photos for Year 7 will be taken on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. The photos will be back with us in time to make perfect Christmas presents for Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles!

### Immersion Days

Immersion days are a key part of the curriculum at Heanor Gate. During an immersion day the students are taken off timetable all day to focus on one area of study and develop skills within this area. The first immersion day for Year 7 has been organised by the Humanities team. The students will receive a letter about this shortly. They will be invited to attend the Open Centre in Derby where they will look at different places of worship and experience areas of historical and cultural interest. Information about the other immersion days will be available later in the year.

### Dates for the Diary

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Year 7 Photographs     | 16 November 17  |
| Immersion Day 1        | 20 October 17   |
| Immersion Day 2        | 6 February 18   |
| Year 7 Parents Evening | 12 April 18     |
| Immersion Day 3        | 21 June 18      |
| Brecon Beacons Trip    | 16 - 20 July 18 |



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## Year 7 Trip

This year Year 7 will have the opportunity to go on a week-long residential at the end of the school year. This will be with Acorn Adventures in the Brecon Beacons in Wales. The trip will be launched to students in November and will be on a first come, first served basis. The trip will include camping facilities, outdoor activities such as climbing, raft building and kayaking along with evening entertainment. The purpose of the trip is to develop friendships with students who aren't in their tutor group and to take themselves beyond their comfort zones in certain activities and succeed.



## Star of the Week

In Year 7 we like to celebrate the achievements of all pupils no matter how small or large. This year we are operating a Star of the Week programme whereby a tutor can nominate a student for something that they have done particularly well. The stars of the week are then displayed on the year group notice board in F Block for everyone to see.

## Top Tutor Group

Alongside our Star of the Week we are running a Top Tutor Group competition. This looks at the attendance and the number of A points a tutor group received. The tallies are added and the total points are awarded to each group. Last week's Top Tutor Group was 7HBS with 100% attendance for the week and 336 A points. The current leader board is to the right

| Groups     | A Points | Attendance | Total     |
|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| ELG        | 4        | 5          | 9         |
| GFA        | 8        | 2          | 10        |
| <b>HBS</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| HMP        | 3        | 8          | 11        |
| MAS        | 2        | 3          | 5         |
| MLK        | 1        | 6          | 7         |
| SJH        | 5        | 4          | 9         |
| TRM        | 6        | 1          | 7         |

## Contacting the Year 7 Team

If you have any queries or would like to hear about how your child is progressing please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 Achievement Team. Your first point of contact for your child is their Personal Tutor. Tutors' email addresses can be found below along with mine and Mr Stoddart's.

|      |                           |  |
|------|---------------------------|--|
| 7HBS | Miss Bowstead Stallybrass | H.BowsteadStallybrass@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk |
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| 7ELG | Miss Griffiths            | E.Griffiths@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk           |
| 7SJH | Mr Hughes                 | S.Hughes@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk              |
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All the best,

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Mrs Pearse - Achievement Leader Year 7