



February 2019

**WELCOME** to our newsletter for parents of Year 7 students. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year! Once again, this half term has been full of exciting opportunities for our students to engage with, and I hope you enjoy looking at the photos of this week's Harry Potter event. We would also like to congratulate the 128 students who currently have excellent attendance of 96% or above, the standard we want all our students to aim for. **Miss Thursby and Mrs Evans**

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

**Harry Huxley and Gabriel Flaherty (7D)** are collecting empty crisp packets for recycling. Every year countless crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK. Harry and Gabriel's Scout Group are working with Terracycle to put an end to this process through The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme. Not only does this help the environment, but the waste recycled helps to fund schools and community organisations. The boys are also in competition with other Scouts at Upton High School, and we would love to see them win! Year 7 students are encouraged to collect crisp packets over half term to help, and a prize will be awarded to the student who brings in the most packets.



## SAFER INTERNET DAY 2020

As part of Safer Internet Day 2020, Year 7 students participated in a half day workshop organised by Mrs Caroe. They covered a range of issues, including e-safety, digital footprints and social media choices. They were surprised to learn that 69% of young people who responded to a survey admitted they had been abusive online, and were asked to consider the sorts of information they really want to share with other people online. Hopefully the informative session will help Year 7 to reflect on their internet use, who they are friends with online, and the choices they make.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Caleb Green (7C)** who performed at Her Majesty's Theatre in the West End this month with his performing arts school Razzamataz.

**Ella Jones (7G), Katelyn-Elise Lucas (7D), Emily Mason (7H), Brooke Sands (7G), Niamh Shapland (7L), Maisie Swash-Roberts, Amelia Trenholm (7G) and Beatrice Wood (7H)** who were selected along with a number of students from other year groups to receive expert netball coaching from a Manchester Thunder player.

The **103 Year 7 students** who participated in the recent Times Tables Rock Stars competition against Year 8, beating them by just 323 points to take the crown.

**Leo Maxwell (7B)** who took first place in the Times Tables Rock Stars competition, **Erin Langford (7L)** who took second place, and **Nathan Murphy (7B)** who took third place.

## BEST UPDATE

Collectively Year 7 now have over 33,000 BEST points – over 7000 more than the nearest year group!

35 students have already earned over 200 BEST points so far this year.

85 students are less than 50 BEST points away from also achieving over 200 BEST points.

Every Year 7 tutor group has earned over 4000 BEST points. 7L and 7D have over 5000 BEST points each!

Year 7 students enjoyed the school's first Harry Potter Book Night this week...



# Safer Internet Day 2020 Tuesday 11 February

How can we create an internet where everyone is...



...fairly treated?



...represented?

#Free to be



...equal?



...empowered?

Free to be ME Exploring identity online