

Year 7 Strategy



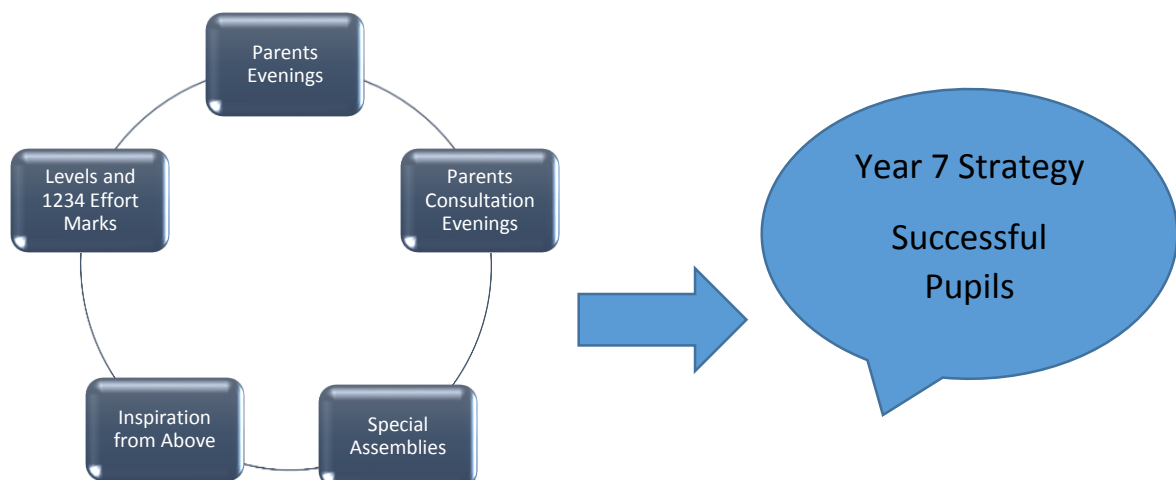
An information Guide for Parents/Carers

Welcome to The Year 7 Strategy

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to The Year 7 Strategy. This booklet is designed to inform you of all the initiatives taking place this academic year to enhance your child's success and embed a passion for learning throughout High School that will aid to a life-long incentive to be successful and happy. This booklet will act as a resource to provide you with an academic calendar of dates of all initiatives and activities we are providing to both parents and pupils. We hope that you will find this to be a valuable guide over the coming months and more so, hope that it will help you to support your child in their transition throughout Year 7 and allow you to attend all parent's sessions.

At Dormston we focus on getting the basics right. We have a simple philosophy that underpins everything we do. We believe that if pupils, parents and the school work together every child will achieve their full potential. It is for this reason that we fully believe our Year 7 Strategy will work for all involved.

The Year 7 Strategy can be broken down into 5 categories: Effort levels, Parents Evenings (to support your child), Special Year 7 Assemblies, Parents Consultation Evenings (to meet staff) and Inspiration from a Higher Level.



Levels and Effort levels

A sub- level is given for each subject by the teacher to give an indication of academic achievement so far. Effort levels are given to all pupils to show how hard you child is working within each lesson. These levels are:

1: Outstanding

2: Good

3: Requires Improvement

4: Inadequate

If your child should receive a 3 or 4 for effort, a reason for this will be given, e.g. equipment or concentration.

Parents Evenings, to support your child.

A positive and sound relationship can easily be built when parents and the school have regular contact. It is our belief that by fully supporting your child's learning throughout the year a relationship will develop between the school and the parents/carers which will be beneficial to all our pupils.

We are therefore hosting four Parents Evenings throughout the Year, these include:

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| ➤ Welcome to Dormston | Mr B Stitchman |
| ➤ Supporting your Child in Literacy | Guest Speaker |
| ➤ Parents of A/A* Pupils | Mr B Stitchman |
| ➤ Supporting your Child in Exams | Mrs Bassan |

It is vitally important to us and your child that you attend these evenings, it is our promise that each of these nights will provide you with valuable information to assist your child's learning throughout school.



Special Year 7 Assemblies

Your child will have a House assembly every week along with occasional Year 7 assemblies. As well as these we will have four Special Assemblies during the Year, these will be:

- Olympic Gymnast – Motivation - Kristian Thomas
- Expectations and Success – Mrs Brayshaw and Mr Dixon
- Ex Pupils – Inspiration and life after Dormston
- Celebrating Year 7 Success – Chair of Governors/Mrs Brayshaw

Parents Consultations

As well as Sub-levels and effort levels termly, you will also be invited to meet your child's tutor to discuss how they have managed the transition to High School. The Heads and Deputy Heads of House will also be present for you to discuss any concerns with. This will be an informal chat with your child's tutor and will include information such as attendance, punctuality and effort to date.

Early next year you will also be invited into Dormston to meet with all your child's teachers to discuss their academic achievement and effort.

Appointments will need to be made by your child to allow you to meet all teachers.

A Report to include statements, sublevels and effort will be issued just before Easter.

Inspiration from a Higher Level

We believe that inspiring young and enquiring minds at an early age will maximise their full potential, therefore we intend to hold a Careers/University Fair that you and your child will be invited to. This will be informative and will give pupils the chance to enquire what qualifications are needed for certain careers. It may seem early in their lives to be thinking about life after High School, however having the knowledge and motivation to achieve success is a valuable tool that we all need in life.

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First Term September – December 2016

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| ➤ Monday 19 th September | Welcome to Dormston – Parents |
| ➤ Tuesday 20 th September | Expectations Assembly - Pupils |
| ➤ W/C Monday 3 rd October | Effort Marks 1234 |
| ➤ Tuesday 18 th October | Olympic Gymnast Assembly - pupils |
| ➤ Wednesday 19 th October | Tutor Evening - Parents |
| ➤ Thursday 10 th November | Supporting your child – literacy - Parents |
| ➤ W/C Monday 5 th December | Careers/University Fair – Pupils/parents |

Second Term January – April 2017

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| ➤ Tuesday 3 rd January | Expectations and Success Assembly |
| ➤ W/C Monday 20 th Jan | Sublevel and effort 1234 |
| ➤ Thursday 9 th February | Parents Consultation – meet teachers |
| ➤ Tuesday 7 th March | Inspiration Assembly – Pupils |
| ➤ Tuesday 7 th March | Parents of A/A* pupils |

Third Term – April – July 2017

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| ➤ Tuesday 9 th May | Sub Level and Effort Level 1234 |
| ➤ Friday 12 th May | Reports Issued to Parents |
| ➤ Tuesday 6 th June | Preparing for Exams – Assembly – Pupils |
| ➤ Thursday 8 th June | Supporting your child in exams – Parents |
| ➤ W/C 19 th June | Exam Week – All pupils |
| ➤ Tuesday 27 th June | Celebrating Success Assembly – Pupils |
| ➤ W/C 10 th July | Sublevel and Effort Level 1234 |
| ➤ W/C 17 th July | Activity Week |



It is our hope that you have found this booklet to be insightful and informative, and will use it as a tool to assist you in supporting your child's High School Education.

You will be informed of every Parents Evening and Consultation by letter and text that we ask you to sign and return.

We very much look forward to meeting you very soon for the launch of our Year 7 Strategy and hope you agree that together we will have extremely successful and highly motivated young people.

Kind Regards

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