



Ridgeway High School

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21 September 2018

Assembly Theme: Houses

Dear Parents

Yesterday was our 'Welcome to Year 11' evening – an opportunity right at the start of the academic year to meet with parents of Year 11 students. It's an event that we have been running for several years now, and I know from the feedback we receive how useful parents (and the students themselves, who are also invited along) find it. On these occasions, we outline the steps the school will be taking to support students - lunchtime and after-school boosters, Friday night and Saturday School interventions, study-skills help and so on - and offer guidance on how parents can best support their child. It is also a chance to talk about the pressures and challenges that the months leading up to GCSE examinations inevitably bring.

That is why I believe the home-school partnership is so important - and not just in Year 11, of course. Effective two-way communication between home and school is absolutely key so that, if and when problems begin to arise, we can take action to support a student, helping them get back on track. I have already mentioned in previous bulletins about our new parent app, a great way for you to keep in touch with how your child is doing in school. Emails about log-ins were sent out last week. I should emphasise that these log-ins are only valid for two weeks, so it is important to remember to download the app and activate it as soon as possible. If you do have any log-in issues, please get in touch with the school office.

One addition to the décor of the school about which I am particularly thrilled is our magnificent 'Learn for success' graphic, proudly on display above the refectory. If you have been inside the school since the start of term, you will probably have seen it. It illustrates the targets, challenges and opportunities set out in the Ridgeway Charter, a key element of our character education programme. You can learn more about these opportunities on page 13 of the latest parent handbook. Next week, Year 7 will be undertaking one of their challenges: the Wirral Walk. As well as the walk itself through a lovely part of the Wirral countryside, one of the focuses will also be on team-building activities and inter-house competitions. We will be further embedding house identity in school with the coming week of house assemblies.



Year 7 have already made a fantastic start to the year, an indication that our efforts throughout Year 6 are really helping to ensure a seamless transition from primary to secondary. Year 7 and Year 8

are currently neck and neck in the Key Stage 3 achievement points competition, with the younger students edging slightly ahead. In the inter-house competition, it appears that Kolbe have some early catching up to do!

KING HOUSE	KOLBE HOUSE	TERESA HOUSE
9538 points	7696 points	9807 points

Finally this week, I should like to congratulate the PE department once again on being nominated for two Wirral Sports Forum awards: Department of the Year and Team of the Year (with reference to Year7 boys' football).

Mr T Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 26 September: GCSE religious education trip
- Friday 28 September: Year 7 Wirral Walk trip
- Friday 28 September: Friday night performing arts intervention 3.30pm to 9pm