

YEAR 7 NEWS LETTER

As we welcome the **Easter holidays**, I wanted to take this opportunity to share all the positive news we in **Year 7** have been doing,

UKULELES!

Year 7 have been introduced to the world of **Ukuleles** this half term! Students are learning all about the history of the Ukulele and most importantly how to play the four stringed instrument. I am overly impressed by Year 7's enthusiasm and respect for the Ukulele whilst learning an instrumental skill. Students have learnt their own tutor song, played other pop classics and have worked in smaller groups using performance techniques. **Well done Year 7! Keep up the hard work!**

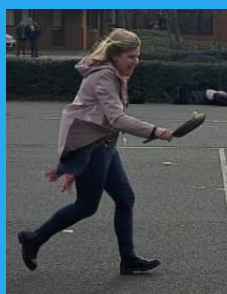


Miss Ward,
Teacher of Music

Stand out Musicians: **Andrei Toma, Ieuan Hall, Brynlee Joynson-Ellis, Lily Allatt, Llayton Stocks, Caitlin Baxter, Freya Barnes**

PANCAKE RACE!

We held our yearly pancake race with Steve our chef from the canteen! What a fabulous effort by all the form! A special shout out to Mrs Cooper's form as we had some students running three times! The winners of the race were Mrs Fowkes' and Mrs Cooper's form. Fantastic effort by all those involved!





TUG OF WAR



Each half-term

I hold **interform competitions** against tutor groups. Last term we did debating in forms. This half-term we have been doing **tug of war**! All forms have really impressed me with their teamwork across Year 7. Well done to all those taking part!

DANCE



Year 7 have taken on the challenge of **Contemporary Dance**, learning a new style of dancing. They have watched **Ghost Dances** by **Christopher Bruce** and incorporating the use of masks within their performance. Lots of contact, weaving and solos have been created in small groups and Miss Barben and I are looking forward to watching their final performances!

Mrs Purdy and Miss Barben
(HOF and Teacher of Dance)

Dance students of the term:
**Kai E (7-1), Eleanor L (7-6),
Aleksandra R (7-6), Warvan M (7-6),
Dylan C (7-6), Harry G (7-6)**

DRAMA

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Year 7 have been getting involved in **mime work** this term as part of their **Drama studies**. It has been fantastic to see our students bring these performances to life with energy, enthusiasm and some comedy thrown in as well! Their performances of the Poor Wretch family allowed them to demonstrate key performance skills such as body language, exaggerated facial expression and stock characters ranging from heroes to villains! Keep up the good work Year 7. I have been so impressed with their focus and performance skills, that we look to develop and enhance throughout Key Stage 3. Keep it up!

Mr Billitt
Teacher of Drama

Stand out performers:
**Neilas B (7-3)
Lola W (7-3)
Danielle S (7-3)
Holly B (7-1)**

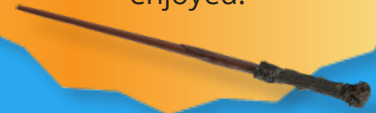
Year 7 Residential!



After Easter we will be sending out details of a meeting we will be holding for parents/carers taking part in this year's residential. We will go over expectations, the kit that is needed and any medical needs that we must be aware of. We look forward to welcoming you for that meeting!

Harry Potter

50 Year 7s had the opportunity to go out on the **Harry Potter** trip, which the English department organised. This was a fabulous trip that all students enjoyed!



anglianwater CHALLENGE!

In February, the students in Year 7 who didn't take part in the **Anglian Water Challenge** in December had the opportunity to do so! The challenge was to design and build a water system for a town! Students were able to develop their teamworking, communication, and problem-solving skills!



Date for the diary
is Year 7 Subject
evening on 7th
June 2023!

I look forward to welcoming all students back on the **17th of April 2023**, I wish you all a restful and happy break.

Mrs Read
Head of Year 7

