

The Prescot School

Year 7 Newsletter February 2023



The half term after Christmas always seems to be the most difficult half term; the mornings are dark, the evenings are dark and the weather is cold and often wet and windy too. Hopefully now we can look forward to warmer, longer days. I noticed some buds appearing in my garden and my favourite flowers are daffodils, so I make sure I have a vase of them on my kitchen

windowsill, which brighten everything up and remind me spring is on the way.

This term, Year 7 have been working very hard in lessons. In December, they sat their first formal assessments for maths and English in the sports hall. Students were mature and sensible throughout and showed integrity and ambition by doing what was asked of them and revising hard for their assessments. Well done Year 7.



Mrs Thompson

Head of Year 7

Achievement Assembly

At the end of December we held our termly achievement assembly and it was lovely to see so many students receiving rewards for their hard work and effort over the first term. Each teacher nominated a member of the class to receive an award. Certificates all stated the reason the students were nominated. We had some special awards at the end of the assembly, for students who we felt embodied the values of the school, Ambition, Integrity and Appreciation and these students also received a selection box. It was a lovely morning and the students were proud of their achievements.



Headteacher's Award



So far three of our Year 7 students have been presented with the Headteacher's Award. This is awarded to one student each week for going above and beyond. They are presented with a gold Headteacher's award badge which they wear on their blazer with pride.



Last term Tilly S and Kale C were presented with the awards during the winter term. Our latest recipient was Tim E, who received his reward for always working hard and trying his best and being polite and kind to all. We are very proud of all three students and look forward to seeing more of our Year 7 students being recognised through this Award.

LFC Project

This term the LFC Foundation is working with ten of our Year 7 students each week in school. Over the duration of the 12-week programme,



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all students are given the opportunity to complete the Prince's Trust Achieve Award and the Sports Leader Level 1 Award, developing their personal and social skills, as well as leadership and teamwork skills. Although there are practical elements to the Onside programme, it is by no means only a sports based programme and for those who lack confidence and ability in this area, they

focus on the leadership element and not just the physical element ensuring it is inclusive to all.

The students are enjoying the programme and hopefully we will be able to run the sessions again with more students.





My Judo Career by Zach P

“I have been doing Judo since reception, every Thursday. At first it was fun but then I started to get a little tired of it, however I thought there was no point in stopping because I had almost got my black belt!

When I got my black belt, I was extremely proud of myself for doing all those years of training for that achievement.

I would recommend Judo to everyone, it is a good way to keep fit and learn a new skill.”

PE

Our Year 7 students have been taking part in lots of extra-curricular activities in the Physical Education department. They have been displaying hard work, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and leadership in a wide range of activities including, trampolining, basketball, dance, volleyball, fitness and football. Students have shown fantastic commitment to sport after school and are improving their skills whilst having fun.



Congratulations to Sophia R who represents Knowsley Harriers. Sophia has shown a great level of commitment and determination and has demonstrated her talents in Physical Education lessons.

Congratulations to Godswill A who continues to represent Everton Football Club. Godswill always demonstrates excellent effort and leadership in all lessons.

Well done to Oliver F who has been selected to tour with Blackburn Rovers in Portugal. What a fantastic achievement and opportunity! Well done Oliver.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who auditioned and have been selected to represent the school in the dance company group:

Lydia C, Daisy L, Mason W, Ellie W, Connie AS, Ana-Maria M, Aaron G and Mia W.

Well done to you all, we look forward to seeing you on stage very soon!

It is lovely to see so many students taking part in physical activities after school.

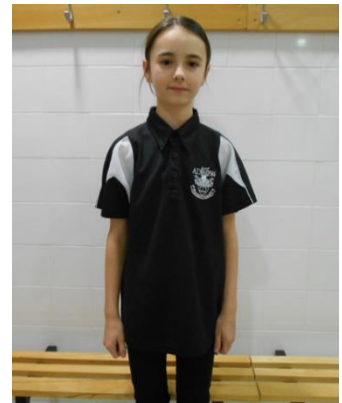
Well done Year 7 and keep attending our extra-curricular activities!



After School PE Clubs by Anna Marie M

"I love attending after school PE clubs, it's so much fun! It helps me get better at skills and also takes your mind off things, it is great to meet new friends, we all help each other. My favourite clubs are trampolining and dance, I also love football and have represented the school team."

"PE is my favourite subject, it's so challenging but very enjoyable, my PE teacher encourages me and this lifts my confidence. The teachers always encourage me to keep going and to always try my best. I find lessons fun and I enjoy learning the key words which help me understand the body and sport"



Music

Following on from last term's Introduction to keyboards module, our Year 7 students have been learning about Chinese Music to coincide with Chinese New Year on Sunday 22nd January. They have had lessons on Chinese traditions that reference historical events and culture and have started working in pairs to create some authentic sounding improvisations using pentatonic scales and drones. They have used the world music settings on the keyboards in order to emulate the Gu Zheng, which is a 21 string Chinese instrument. We have had some amazing performances up to now and this has been a very interesting and colourful culture to learn about.



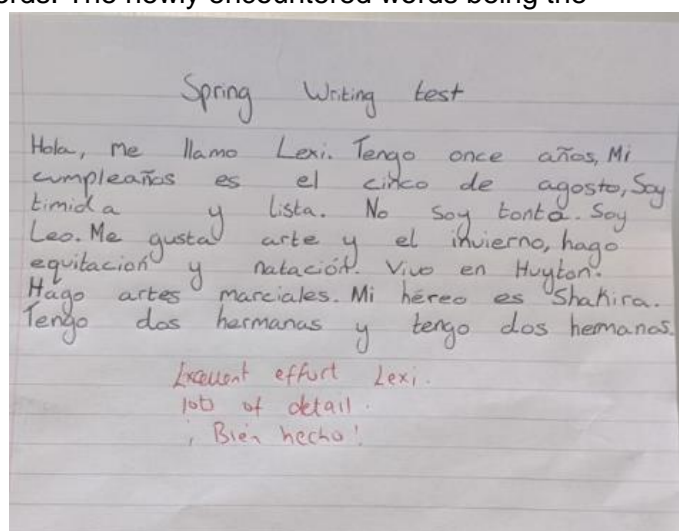
新年快乐

Xīnnián kuàilè (Happy New Year 22nd January 2023)

Modern Foreign Languages

Students studying French are currently following the National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy (NCELP) course. Each lesson, students learn or reinforce particular sounds and aim to learn at least ten new words. The newly encountered words being the most commonly used words in the French language. The course aims to equip students with a thorough knowledge and understanding of how language operates whilst also placing great emphasis upon pronunciation.

In Spanish, students have learnt how to give personal information about themselves and are currently studying the topic of free time. In the second half of the term students will study the topic of School. Students studying Spanish also learn phonics with great importance placed upon developing speaking and presentational skills.



Literacy

Since October, some of our Year 7 students have undertaken additional reading practise as part of their Literacy studies. To read any text with both accuracy and fluency, it is important for learners to have a good command of all forty-five sounds in the English language. Amongst others last term, students rehearsed what a teacher's favourite sound is, by putting a finger to their lips and uttering 'sh', and 'ee', making a disgusted face to something they pretended to dislike.



The idea of matching sounds to their allotted actions is called total physical response. It is hoped that by routinely performing such simple gestures over time, students' understanding of letter – sound recognition will grow to become an invaluable asset whilst they read.

To put their skills to the test, this year's cohort will be the very first to take home a broad range of exciting new books to read for pleasure. From Classic to Fantasy, Horror to Mystery, fiction and non-fiction, every taste and preference will be catered for! Coupled with weekly homework tasks to help further comprehension skills, our students will be equipped with the confidence to use their expertise across all classes.

Mr S Bisson

Academic Reading Mentor

Have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing all students back to school on Monday 20th February at 8.35am