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Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 Expectations at Brownhills

Last week, I had the pleasure of meeting our Year 7 students in an assembly to make my expectations very clear and to share an important message about the next stage of their journey. I want to begin by saying how proud I am of this fantastic year group. Their transition to secondary school has been excellent and they have adapted well to the demands of a secondary curriculum and timetable. Year 7 are now firmly part of the Brownhills community and proud to be so.

Year 7 students have embraced our core values of ready, respect, safe and are living out our clear message that students only have one chance at their education, and we have a duty to make it count.

I am extremely impressed by the way that Year 7 conduct themselves and represent their families.

My message in assembly was clear: it is now time to step up. The transition phase is complete. Now, Year 7 students must fully apply themselves as secondary school learners. I also reminded students that work in lessons and at home is likely to get more challenging so that every student is stretched to achieve their potential. This will require resilience and determination to succeed.

I reminded our Year 7 that this means:

- Stepping up with attendance – making every moment count.
- Stepping up with home learning – going above and beyond to practise and extend knowledge at home.
- Stepping up with revision – taking assessments seriously and understanding that revision is part of being a great student at a great school.
- Stepping up in lessons – engaging fully, asking and answering questions, and being active in their learning.

I also encouraged students to take part in the enrichment and house activities available this half term. These opportunities are an important part of school life and every child's personal development, and we want every child to make the most of them.



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Thank you for your support throughout the last term. I now ask for your continued partnership and support to ensure your child understands the expectations for the Spring Term.

Please help us by:

- Ensuring your child comes to school every day ready to learn with perfect uniform.
- Being clear about your expectations that your child works hard in every lesson.
- Ensuring all home learning is completed to a high standard.
- Encouraging your child to join enrichment activities and house events.

At Brownhills, we have no passengers. Every child must learn to the best of their ability because they must leave us with the skills, attributes and academic qualifications to have a life of choice and opportunity.

Together, we can ensure the highest possible standards for every child in our community. If you have any queries about your child at school or require any support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Personal Tutor, Ms Glover (Pastoral Support Leader for Year 7) or Mrs Zaric (Head of Year 7).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R T Doodson
Headteacher