## Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Year 7 Students

There were many positives last week, one of my personal highlights came in the form of some fantastic home works I saw being carried around the school. A big well done to a number of students but a real stand out star was Ryan who made the most amazing model. I hope to see more amazing home works by you all. A big thankyou goes to all students and parents who attended the information evening. Remember you can access the information from the evening from the school website.

May I remind you of the importance of attendance. Last week attendance was at 96.9, a slight drop. Remember there is a direct link between good attendance and attainment. We must get up at 97.5% again! A big well done goes to 7R last week with attendance at 98.4%. Who is going to beat them?!

This week did bring some negatives in the form of the use of social media. Remember you are legally not allowed to have Instagram, Whatsapp or any other form of social media until you are 12 years old. May I stress the importance of this and the fact of staying safe online. If you post a comment about another student it cannot be removed. Due to the nature of it police can become involved and your mobile devices in the home can be removed by the police. Remember if you have nothing nice to say to somebody do not say anything at all!

This week PiXL Edge has started to be used and focuses on developing:

- leadership
- organisation
- initiative
- resilience
- communication

Remember you can access your PiXL Edge account at home. To login all you need to do is login to your email and then open a new window and search for PiXL Edge. Once there you can simply click login with google.

Some activities you can complete include entering the Christmas card competition, running an event for charity, being a student runner, joining a new club. You could lead a starter in a lesson. I know some tutees are learning and teaching others sign language. All fantastic achievements in their own right and are all acknowledged by PiXL Edge.

Remember by completing PiXL Edge you will receive an accredited qualification that employers will recognise when you leave school. This is a fantastic opportunity, which over a million students across the country are undertaking, and you are one of them!

There are a number of upcoming events including the Brakenhale Christmas Fair on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. We will be looking for volunteers to help and support he event. This can be something else you include as an activity for PiXL Edge. We are also seeking student ambassadors to represent the school during the various event we run. We look forward to all of your applications.

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Literacy and numeracy are so important and we would like to feature articles by students (another activity you can complete for PiXL Edge). I have included a Suduko which you can complete to earn house points. We would also love for any book/magazine or game reviews which we can include in our weekly newsletter.

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Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Regards

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## **KEY EVENTS – w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November**

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	B11 - B B12 - R B13 - A B14 - K B15 - E B16 - N B17 - H	Clubs: Tech club
Tuesday	Sports hall assembly	Clubs: Netball Cross country/fitness Tuesday - Year 7A and B Netball v Edgbarrow@ Home
Wednesday	Literacy	Clubs: Badminton Stem club
Thursday	Current Affairs	Clubs: Art Club Trampolining Rugby Disney dance club Thursday - Year 7A and B Netball v Garth @ Garth
Friday	Main hall assembly	Clubs: Culture Club  Friday - Schools Cross Country relay at South hill Park - select 2 boys and girls from year 7

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