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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 7 Update and Invitation

As we draw towards the end of the first half term for your child I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the many positives that we are experiencing with the year 7 cohort. During this transition period at Biddenham it has been a pleasure to observe their positive attitude to learning and focus in lessons. In line with the school's focus on 'Ready, Respect, Reward', students are arriving in a very high standard of school uniform and are generally well prepared for their lessons. Please can I ask that you continue to support the school in ensuring that this high standard is maintained moving forward. Could I therefore take this opportunity to remind you that the best way of communicating with your child's tutor is via the planner if you have any initial queries or issues.

I am also pleased to inform you that collectively the year group has received over five and half thousand achievement points from their teachers. This is a fantastic achievement after only one month at school. Points are awarded for a range of actions such as completing a good piece of homework, supporting others around school or showing an excellent attitude to learning. Many students have also been invited to 'hot chocolate' Friday as a reward for their efforts at school, while some have been selected for the Head of Year's 'Student of the Week' Award. Well done to all the students that have received these different awards.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of two dates for your diary. On Tuesday 12th November, there will be a Parents' Evening for year 7 with their tutors. This is an additional parents' evening that we are trialling this year so that you can get some early feedback on the progress of your child from their tutor and to discuss their initial progress. There will be a subsequent parents' evening with your child's teachers later in the academic year for which you will receive details nearer the time.

Finally, I would like to invite you to a drop-in coffee afternoon on Friday 18th October with myself. This will run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm and will be an opportunity for you to have an informal chat with myself or the Assistant Head of Year on any issues you would like. If you are unable to attend this session then it will be possible to book specific appointment with me during the Parents' Evening on 12th November.

Thank you again for your continued support and I look forward to hopefully seeing you on Friday 18th October.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Evans
Head of Year 7