Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7,

First of all, a huge **thank you** for your support over the first eight weeks of Bay House School! It has been a fantastic half term with plenty to feel extremely proud about and we are so grateful for your support this far.

Within this half term, all year 7 pupils have participated in **‘Outside of the classroom’** walks which were a big success, showcasing their teamwork within tutor groups, experiencing local cultural attractions (such as the brilliant Gosport Diving Museum) and also supporting the wider community by way of a beach clean. This links seamlessly into ***#gobeyond*** the GFM’s personal development curriculum for Years 7 and 8. It is a voluntary award that recognises pupil’s participation and achievements beyond the academic school curriculum where they are asked to 'go beyond' and engage in 3 different areas; Commitment, Community and Challenge. We look forward to the launch in November during tutor time.

While on the topic of extra-curricular, we would love to celebrate your children’s efforts outside of school with any club, team or individual successes they may have so please feel free to get in touch with the Year office and we will celebrate these with you!

This year we have also been fortunate to have Mr Woolway from the English department co-ordinating ‘The Big Write’.  **‘The Big Write’** aims to raise the profile of writing in year 7 and increase engagement by giving the pupils freedom of expression. It is something that the whole year group takes part in on a fortnightly basis, celebrating the pupils' efforts within assembly, announcing nominations and presenting awards to those the English department feel have really excelled in their written work. Huge congratulations go to Jacob Jalban, Rhianna Gibson and Evie Rooke for their amazing written pieces this half term.

Over the last eight weeks as teachers we have been using **ClassCharts** to monitor brilliant attendance, punctuality and positive points for our year group. A special mention must go to the tutor group with the best attendance... **710** with **99.95%** – keep it up Mr Crofts’ class!

It is worth mentioning that so far this half term, the whole of year 7 have accrued an incredible **3558** positive points on ClassCharts! The majority of these being **2358 ‘Good work’** points!  The current front-running tutor group with 460positive points is **702**.  As a year group, this is a phenomenal start to the Bay House journey, so well done all – let’s keep it up!

We have a few dates for your diary for the next half term:

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| Monday 4th November | INSET day, no pupils on site |
| Thursday 14th November | Early closure day, pupils leave at 2.10pm |
| Friday 22nd November | Author visit from Ben Davis, all of year 7 involved, information to follow |
| Tuesday 3rd –Thursday 5th December | ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ school production, tickets directly from Finance office |
| Tuesday 17th December | Year 7 disco 5pm-6.30pm, tickets available directly from Finance office for £3 |
| Wednesday 17th December | Ferneham Hall pantomime trip in the evening |
| Friday 20th December | End of term one, early closure, pupils leave at 2.10pm |
| Monday 6th January | Start of term two |

We hope you have a brilliant half term when it arrives and look forward to seeing pupils back on Tuesday 5 November.

Kind regards,

Year 7 Team