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Dear Parents / Carers

Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition

In our quest to enhance Literacy Across the Curriculum and particularly to assist our students in developing their vocabulary by exposing them to many new words, we are hosting a Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition. This will help students' spelling and understanding of vocabulary.

Throughout the Spelling Bee Competition students will be asked to spell a variety of tier two level words (these are general academic words that fit across a wide range of topics and contexts) and tier three words (subject specific vocabulary). All the words for all rounds will be taken from The Spelling Bee Booklet. This will be made available on the year 7 Google Classroom and on the school website for every student to access. We encourage all year 7s to review the booklet so they can practise their spelling whilst also learning new words and ultimately extending their vocabulary. The spellings are intended to be challenging.

On the week beginning 20th June each form tutor will be given a list of ten words that have been randomly selected from the Spelling Bee Booklet and each form group will have a written spelling test. The top spellers from each tutor group will then be chosen to participate in the Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition to represent their form and house. Mark Points will be awarded to students by the form tutors to ensure that students of all abilities are awarded for their achievements and their efforts have been recognised.

Following on from this the competition will follow the format of a Spelling Bee and students will spell words aloud to a panel of judges. There will be knock out rounds, a semi-final and the competition will conclude with a grand final in the week beginning 11th July. These will take place during lunch times and details will be shared with the students so they can come along to support their friends if they are participating. There will be prizes for the winners.

Please encourage your child to participate in this activity because they are guaranteed to learn new words, improve their spellings, and develop their vocabulary.

Yours faithfully

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