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Dear Parent/Carer

I can scarcely believe that the Year 7s have officially been members of our school community for over a week now! We have been incredibly impressed with the levels of *readiness, resilience, respect and resourcefulness* demonstrated by the cohort over the past week and how well they have settled into the GMS routine.

I wanted to touch base with you to share some important reminders ahead of next week's **Y7 Parent/Carer Information Evening** on **Tuesday 19th September (6-7pm)**. The presentation will ensure that you have all the relevant and up to date information to support your child through Year 7. Attendance at this event is for parents and carers only. A reminder to complete the [MS form](#) to indicate whether you will be attending the information evening if you have not done so already.

Y7 Activity Day Reminder

The Activity Days are run by 'Level Up Outdoors' and are delivered to all year 7 students in their houses over three separate days. Each student house will attend **one** of the Activity Days. They will run on the following dates:

Kites - Tuesday 10th October

Hawks - Wednesday 11th October

Eagles - Thursday 12th October

If your son / daughter would like to participate in the Y7 Activity Day, you will need to ensure that the voluntary contribution of £23 and the MS Consent and Medical Form are completed through WisePay. The deadline for the completion of the MS Consent Form is this **Friday 15th September**. Your son/ daughter will not be permitted to participate in the Y7 Activity Day without the completion of this form!

If you are experiencing any issues with logging onto Wisepay, please contact finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Student IT/Teams Logins

More information about the use of IT and Teams will be shared with parents at the information evening. But just to clarify, Y7 students were given their IT/Teams logins last **Friday 8th September** in school. They were asked to change their password to something memorable and to write this down in their planner.

I am in the process of making contact with individual students who were absent that day to arrange a time to get them set up.

If a student has forgotten what they reset their password to last Friday, they need to have a conversation with their tutor in the first instance, who will support them and direct them to IT during a form time or at break if necessary.

The Chime Seekers- Reading Project

On Thursday mornings in form time and during their English lessons, students in Y7 will be reading **The Chime Seekers**. This was the reading book which students took home after their Transition Day in July for the Summer Reading Project.

Students have been reminded by their tutors to store their copy of the book in their bag for use in form time and their English lessons. Please do not worry if the students have misplaced or lost their copy over the summer holidays. We can always source some more copies for in-school use.

More information on form time activities will be shared with parents and carers at the information evening next **week**.

Lockers

More information on locker allocation will be shared with students via their form tutors over the next couple of weeks.

To end, I would just like to acknowledge and thank you for your continued support at home and the role you play in a smooth transition process as the parent and carers. I look forward to meeting you at the Y7 Parent/Carer Information Evening next **Tuesday 19th September**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Miles'.

Miss A Miles
Director of Learning Y7