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Year 7 Newsletter 1

Belonging 2026 - 2027

What a fantastic start our Year 7 students have made to life at PCS! It has been an absolute pleasure to witness the year group grow in confidence over these past few weeks. New friendships have formed, and students are clearly feeling right at home in their classrooms.

Our first half term has been exceptionally busy, with Year 7 fully immersing themselves in every aspect of school life. Among many highlights, students have:

- Explored The Dark Lady in English
- Cooked up delicious noodles in Food Technology
- Created dance and gymnastic routines in PE
- Mastered atlas skills in Geography
- Built foundational vocabulary in French

It has been fantastic to see our new students approach every lesson with such attentiveness to their learning and kindness toward their peers.

STEM Discovery Day

On Monday 19th October, the entire year group participated in a full-day STEM event. Throughout the interactive workshops, students used microscopes, designed and built bridges, and investigated the science behind fireworks. The undeniable highlight of the day was a hands-on encounter with an array of fascinating creatures—including hedgehogs, rabbits, giant cockroaches, a massive tarantula, and a snake!

Cross - Curricular & Leadership Opportunities

Beyond the classroom, many students have already taken advantage of our vibrant extra-curricular programme, joining clubs such as **STEM, Chess, Games, Drama, Netball, Football, and Art.** With activities running most days after school, we would love to see even more Year 7s get involved next term to broaden their interests and forge new friendships.

In addition, our students have stepped up to embrace student leadership. Several Year 7s put themselves forward as **Climate Ambassadors** and represented PCS at the Youth Climate Conference. Working collaboratively with peers from other year groups and schools, they engaged in environmental workshops and games, earning high praise for their positive attitudes and creative ideas. Look out for further leadership opportunities opening up next term!

Important Reminders for Next Term

- **Equipment Check**: Please ensure your child's pencil case is fully stocked with all necessary stationary before we return. Lots of students are arriving to lessons without any equipment at all.
- **ParentPay Top-Ups:** Please check your child's lunch balance regularly. Kindly note that funds added via ParentPay can take up to 24 hours to process and appear on lunch accounts.

We wish all of our Year 7 families a restful, enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back re-energised in November!

Warm regards,

The Year 7 Pastoral Team