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Welcome to the January/ February edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Y5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, you can read about Year 7 RSHE lessons; the Anne Frank Exhibition; Unifrog and the Year 7 and 8 Valentine's Disco! Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter-and previous editions-on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>.



The RSHE Curriculum

After exploring 'Relationships' and 'Health and Wellbeing' in the autumn term, Year 7 students have been learning about 'Living in the Wider World' in RSHE lessons this half-term.

Lessons have focused around considering questions such as: Is social media a good or a bad thing? What are the dangers of sharing images online? How can we prevent cyberbullying?



Anne Frank Exhibition



The Anne Frank Exhibition was hosted in the Ponteland High School library from 27-30th January with Y7 and 8 students acting as ambassadors for visiting classes.

One of the student ambassadors, Harry said: "Our group focused on the time period of when Anne moved to Holland and the war beginning. On Wednesday we presented our slides to all of Year 7 at Ponteland High School. On Thursday we presented our information to all of Year 8. I enjoyed taking part in this experience and feel I have gained more confidence presenting in front of people. I have a better understanding of the way Jews were treated and the horrific deaths of the 11.5 million people because of Hitler."

Henry, another student ambassador, said: "The Anne Frank exhibition was really educational. I learned a lot about Anne that I never really knew before. It was satisfying to teach some of the school something new that wasn't a fact from a text book or the internet but from another person's life."





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Unifrog



In our weekly careers sessions over this half-term, Year 7 students have been getting to grips with Unifrog. Unifrog is an excellent tool to help students understand more about their future careers choices, with a range of features well-suited to different stages of a students' journey in school. If you would like a parent account to see the different tools students can engage in you can do so by signing up at www.unifrog.org/code using the code **PTCSparents**.

Valentine's Disco

Year 7 had a great time at the Valentine's disco on Thursday 13th February. Along with the dancing, sweets and crisps, students took part in competitions including 'Match the Celebrity Couples' and 'Who's the Best Dancer?' However, the highlight was most definitely Ms Cowell dancing to Gangnam Style!



Y7 Rugby Festival



On Thursday 13th February, Ponteland High School teamed up with the Newcastle Falcons Foundation to run a project rugby festival for girls in Y7, Y8 and Y9 in the run up to the Women's Rugby World Cup kicking off in the North East in August.

The festival hosted a coaching camp for Y7 students and year group festival format matches for Y8 and 9. The festival saw over 180 girls from 7 different schools taking part, including 25 of our Year 7 girls.

Recommended Read

Daisy Thistledown has escaped from boarding school and has a mystery to solve. Her search for her missing mother will lead her across London and through a hidden doorway to another world, filled with plants and bursting with magic: the Greenwild. But all is not well in this astonishing land. Before long Daisy finds herself confronting a dangerous presence that threatens green magic on both sides of the door. Daisy must band together with a botanical genius, a boy who can talk to animals, and a cat with an attitude, to channel the power that can revive the Greenwild and find her missing mother - and save her own world too.

