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Dear Parents/Carers

I have been pleased with how all the Year 7's have settled in over the last few days. I have had lots of positive feedback from staff and I look forward to seeing them make great progress in their learning over the next five years.

ILC – On Tuesday all Year 7's will take part in ILC and below is a brief explanation of what that entails.

ILC is a new course designed to equip Year 7's with the necessary skills to enable them to succeed at school and in the world at large. English, History, RS and ICT are taught together through a skills based approach so that the subjects work together and support each other, like project work at Primary school. The course is designed to be dynamic, exciting, challenging and fun and they will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for their learning so that they become independent learners and don't need to rely on teachers all of the time.

Through the I-learning curriculum we want your child to be a learner who is:

- Capable
- Competent
- Confident
- Can face challenges
- Co-operative
- Creative

The Year 7's have also been introduced to the qualities of a successful learner and will be referring to these throughout the year, as the 5 R's:

Responsibility:	Knows right and wrong and helps others
Resilience:	Sticks at it and has a positive attitude
Resourcefulness:	Knowing what to do and where to go if you get stuck
Reasoning:	Think things through
Reflection:	Learning from experience and mistakes.

Settling In Evening

On Thursday 22nd September we are holding our Year 7 Settling-In-Evening. This will be from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm and gives you the opportunity to discuss the transition/induction process with staff and fellow parents. Immediately afterwards from 8.00pm – 9.00 pm Chilton Friends are holding their AGM and they would be delighted if you could stay for this.

I would be grateful if you could complete the slip below as soon as possible and return it to your son/daughter's Form Tutor.

Key Dates

22 nd September	Settling In Evening	
1 st December	Target Review Evening	} Year 7 Reviews Issues
2 nd December	Target Review Day	}
13 th March	Parents Evening – Reviews Issued	
8 th May – Friday 11 th May	Year 7 Exams	
11 th June – 15 th June	French Study Visit	
10 th July	Year 7 Reports Issued.	

CATS

Over the next couple of weeks all of Year 7 will sit 3 CATs tests. These enable us to identify each students strengths and weaknesses enabling us to support them in the best way we can. Students needn't worry or revise for them.

If you would like any further information or have any other worries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the appropriate Form Tutor or myself.

I can be contacted on 01278 410098 or by email Chill1@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss C Hill
Pastoral Team Leader Year 7

Year 7 Settling-In-Evening

Thursday 22nd September 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Student:..... Form:.....

I/we will be attending the Year 7 Settling-In-Evening

I/we will be unable to attend.

I/we would like to attend the Chilton Friends Meeting

I/we will be unable to attend.

Signed:.....Parent/Carer