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Welcome to the March/ April edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Y5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, you can read about Year 7 National Careers Week event; the writing competition for International Women's Day and the amazing charity ventures that Year 7 have been involved in. 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/.](https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/)



Year 7 Shine in National Careers Week Event



As part of National Careers Week, our Year 7 students had an inspiring opportunity to meet professionals from a wide range of industries. Selected students took part in engaging discussions, discovering what different careers involve and the skills needed for success. The event aimed to broaden students' career horizons and encourage them to think about their own future pathways.

A key focus of the event was developing our school's character strength of being involved. Our visitors were full of praise for the students, highlighting their thoughtful questions, curiosity, and enthusiasm. Students engaged inquisitively, showing a real eagerness to learn more about different career journeys. "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to build confidence, develop curiosity, and see the real-world value of their learning. Their insightful participation was a credit to them and our school" said Mr. Greenshields, Deputy Headteacher.





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International Women's Day Writing Competition

To celebrate International Women's Day in March, students were invited to write a short story. Out of the KS3 submissions, Olivia, Isabelle, Josie, Arshdeep and Millie in Year 7 and Georgina in Year 8 made the longlist and are invited to a celebration event on Friday 11th April with a published author. Well done to all students who entered!



Year 7 Charity Events



The Year 7 team would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Easter Raffle. They are thrilled to announce that the raffle raised a phenomenal £400:00, which will be split between the following charities: 'Children North East' (<https://children-ne.org.uk/>) and 'if u care share' (<https://www.ifucareshare.co.uk/>).

In the meantime, the Year 7 team have been busy creating a charity committee with representatives from each tutor group: Max from AHo, Georgie from HBr, Jack from HDa, Max from HWa, Tristan from ITa, Sophia from GGi, Chloe from JMr, Matthew from LPo, Jacob from PWr and Charlie from SOI. Tutor groups have paired up and come up with some ideas of events they would like to organise to raise money for charity. Some suggestions include a cake sale, fun run or walk, non-uniform day and a summer fair. Watch this space for more information!

Recommended Read

A Good Day For Climbing Trees Jaco Jacobs

Sometimes, in the blink of an eye, you do something that changes your life forever. Like climbing a tree with a girl you don't know.

Marnus is tired of feeling invisible, living in the shadow of his two brothers. His older brother is good at breaking swimming records and girls' hearts. His younger brother is already a crafty entrepreneur who has tricked him into doing the dishes all summer. But when a girl called Leila turns up on their doorstep one morning with a petition, it's the start of an unexpected adventure. And finally, Marnus gets the chance to be noticed...

