



# Year 7's Summer 1 Value



## Communication



In Year 7, communication evolves from a simple social skill into a vital tool for independence and self-advocacy. As your child moves from the "one-teacher" environment of primary school to a secondary system with multiple subject specialists, the ability to articulate their needs—whether asking for clarification in a busy science lab or resolving a minor kit mishap—is essential. We are focussing on this as a **character value** because it builds the confidence required for pupils to take ownership of their learning.

Beyond the classroom, **communication** as a character value addresses the "whole child," particularly regarding digital literacy and emotional intelligence. With the rise of group chats and new social circles, Year 7s are taught the importance of **tone**, **empathy**, and **oracy**—the art of structured, respectful debate. By encouraging your child to use their voice thoughtfully, both online and in person, you are helping them develop the resilience to handle conflict independently and the social maturity to form healthy, lasting friendships in their community.



### Questions/talking points for home.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Who do you find it easiest to communicate with? Why?
- Do you prefer listening or speaking?
- Did you have an enjoyable conversation today/this week? What made it enjoyable?
- If you wanted to talk to an alien, how do you think you would do that?
- If you could talk to any famous person - dead or alive - who would it be and why?
- When we have a disagreement, how do we work things out?
- What words do you wish someone would say to you when you're having a tough time?
- What is something you wish adults would understand better about kids?
- What advice would you give your younger self?



Keep an eye (and an ear) out for examples of effective communication in your children. The more we see and comment on it, the more frequent it will become!

Don't forget to share by email your communication examples or ideas with us for x5 merits!

