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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Research Ranger Programme - Monday 5 January 2026

We are excited to advise that after the Christmas break, our Year 7 students will be taking part in a brand new learning experience called the **Research Ranger Programme**. This programme will run during their **Great Big Read (GBR)** lessons, beginning on **Monday 5 January**.

During the Year 7 assembly this morning, students were introduced to the programme, given an overview of what the project involves and what they will be doing in January. Many students immediately started thinking about ideas they could explore.

The programme will be led by Mrs M Faisal, who will be supported by Mrs D Mullett (Head of Year 7), and is designed to help students:

- Explore a topic they are passionate about
- Investigate a big question they have always wondered about
- Develop curiosity, creativity and independent thinking.

Over a period of three weeks, students will learn how to ask insightful questions, research information and present what they have discovered. The project is a fun and supportive way to introduce our students to research skills that will help them throughout school and beyond.

- **Week 1:** Introduction to the project and developing research ideas.
- **Week 2:** Guided research time with teacher support
- **Week 3:** Students will present their findings in a simple format of their choice, such as a short talk, poster, slide or model.

All students who complete the project and present their work will receive a **Research Ranger Badge** to celebrate their achievement.

Please discuss this programme with your child over the Christmas break and encourage them to develop **two or three research ideas**. Please support them in **finalising the idea** they feel most excited about exploring, when they return in January, and help them feel confident and enthusiastic about trying something new. These conversations can make a big difference in helping your child feel ready, motivated and inspired.

If you have any questions about the programme, please feel free to email m.faisal@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to seeing our Year 7 students become confident **Research Rangers** in the new year!

Kind regards

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