

6 July 2022

Dear parent and careers

I wrote to you on 20 June about our exciting Culture & Challenge Days which are coming up soon, on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July. I am now pleased to be able to provide the specific details for these events.

**Thanks to those of you who have already made the £15 payment towards the costs. If you have not yet done so, please do this as soon as possible.** If you expect a difficulty please contact your Year Hub Coordinator to see how we may be able to support.

#### **Thursday 14 July**

##### **Chessington World of Adventures**

Students will be allowed to explore the theme park, it's rides and attractions in small groups for the day with staff both circulating about the park and maintaining a known "meeting point" should students need to make contact.

**Meet time:** 08:30 outside Astra building, for prompt coach departure at 09:00

**Clothing:** Full PE kit, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement

**Extras:** Packed lunch or money for food & snacks, spending money for souvenirs, personal medication, Merlin or Priority Queue pass, sun cream.

**Return time:** 18:30

#### **Friday 15 July**

##### **The Nine Mile Challenge**

A walk around the local area through open countryside, woods and farmland. The route, on firm bridleways and footpaths, has gentle inclines, good views and a reasonable amount of shade on the way round. There are toilet facilities at a pub en route and "Junction 8" café on Reigate Hill, providing the obvious place to take lunch. Trainers are more than adequate to complete the route.

**Meet time:** 08:30 outside Astra building

**Clothing:** Full PE kit, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement



**Extras:** Packed lunch or money for food, spending money for ice creams / drinks, personal medication (asthma pumps & auto injectors) sun cream.

**Return time:** 15:00

Our vision is that, through these two days off-timetable where we are offering an array of activities both in-school and out, students will have the opportunity to get beyond the academic curriculum, have some fun with peers and staff members, share cultural experiences and some personal challenges that will build their skills and open their minds to possibilities for the future.

Opportunity and inclusivity are key principles to us as a school, and recognising that finances can be a barrier to some families, we have been able to subsidise this event from our newly-created [ACE Foundation](#). For every student in the school, regardless of age or activity, the ACE Foundation has contributed well over half of the costs, so that we were able to set the **parental contribution to £15 per student** to cover the two days activities.

If you have any further questions, please do contact the Year 7 Hub.

Best wishes

**Mr I Miles**

Community Partnership Coordinator

