

7 July 2022

Ice Skating group

Dear parents and carers

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 Guildford Spectrum

All students ten-pin bowling in the morning for a single game where their scores will be collected to add to Friday's "Crystal Maze" totals. Packed lunch will be taken in Stoke Park, opposite The Spectrum. In the afternoon, students are booked for a 90 minute ice skating session

Meet time: 08:30 outside Astra building

Clothing: Full PE kit, including jacket should the weather be inclement. Long sleeve top, long trousers, gloves, thick socks for ice skating

Extras: Packed lunch required, drinks, spending money for snacks or ice creams, personal medication, suncream

Return time: 17:00

Friday 15 July The Crystal Maze Games

The day will be spent with the students rotating between a variety of physical, mental, & skills based challenges to develop teamwork, leadership, problem solving and initiative taking place here in our grounds

Meet time: 08:30 outside Astra building



Clothing: Full PE kit

Extras: Packed lunch optional or food available as a normal school day from The Observatory, water, personal medication (asthma pumps & auto injectors), suncream

Finish 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 questions, please contact the Year 8 Hub.

Best wishes

Mr I Miles

Community Partnership Coordinator

