

28 June 2024

Dear parents and carers

I wrote to you on 5 June about our exciting Culture & Challenge Days which are coming up soon, on **Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July**. I am now pleased to be able to provide the specific details for your young person for these events.

Thanks to those of you who have already made the £28 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 this.

Wednesday 10 July

SATRO Business Enterprise Game

Here in the school, students will work in teams, running a manufacturing business for the day. Students will take on the roles of CEO, Head of Marketing, Accountant etc. and they will manufacture products, buy supplies and sell their products. The day is fast and furious, sometimes stressful (just like the real working world!) and hugely exciting for everyone.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Astra building

Clothing: Business/professional wear

Imagine the type of clothing that you would wear for an interview in an office environment (trousers/skirt and blouse/shirt). There will be lots of moving between classrooms, so high heels should be avoided! We do not expect you to go shopping at this late stage, so if you feel that you do not have anything suitable, wearing school uniform will suffice

Extras: Packed lunch optional or food available as a normal school day from The Observatory, water, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors)

End time: 15:05

Thursday 11 July

Dry Slope Skiing at Sandown

An amazing challenge lies ahead for students heading to the Dry Slope, with an opportunity to try out skiing and doughnutting during the course of the day!

You **MUST** complete this [parental consent form HERE](#) by the end of Thursday 4 July.

There are important clothing requirements so please read the information below carefully.

Meet time: 08:15 outside Astra building

Clothing:

Full PE kit to travel.

In the Snow Centre students **MUST** wear:

- long trousers - these should be loose fitting and be able to be rolled above the ski boot
- long sleeve top
- gloves
- thick socks for comfort

Suitable clothing items include cargo trousers, tracksuits, leggings or even salopettes if you have them.

Extras: Packed lunch is essential (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided), snacks, water, cash/debit cards, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors)

Return time: 16:30

Thorpe Lakes

An amazing day lies ahead for students heading to Thorpe Lakes, with an opportunity to throw themselves into the deep end and have two exhilarating experiences. Students will participate in the beginner kneeboard experience and the Aqua park inflatable rides during the day; one session in the morning, the other after lunch.

Meet time: 08:00 outside Astra Building

Clothing: Full PE kit to wear on the coach both ways. In the water, students must wear swimwear and non-baggy t-shirt. Trainers are **not** permitted in the water but can be worn on land. Large changing rooms are available on site so please remember towel, shower gel etc for



the end of the day. Please read the FAQs information from Thorpe Lakes [HERE](#) for any clarification.

Extras: Packed lunch is essential (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided), there is incredibly limited opportunity to purchase food and drinks, water bottle, cash/debit card, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors) sun cream or coat depending on weather.

Return time: 17:00

[Cinema and Karting](#)

An amazing day lies ahead for students heading to Crawley, with an opportunity to watch 'Bad Boys 4' in the morning in our own private screen, followed by a short drive to Team Sport to experience the thrills and excitement of their indoor karting track.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Astra building

Clothing: Full PE kit. Please read the information below from Team Sport.

Cinema: The cinema offers a variety of snacks to purchase and students may also bring their own confectionary. Please bear in mind the cinema is air conditioned so do ensure you bring your PE hoodie/jumper as necessary.

Karting: A race suit, helmet and gloves are all provided on the day, but please be aware that all drivers **must** wear a balaclava under their helmet. **Reusable cotton balaclavas can be purchased on the day for £3.50, or you can bring your own.** Only a cashless payment system is operated at Team Sport. Please notify the Year 10 Hub as soon as possible if this purchase may be an issue for you.

All parents must pre-register the students [HERE](#) prior to attendance. Please complete this process by Thursday 4 July.

Extras: Packed lunch (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided) or food and snacks available at both the cinema and the Pit Stop Cafe in Team Sport, water, debit card, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors)

Return time: 17:15

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.

Knowing that the cost of these things can be a barrier to some families, we have subsidised this event from our ACE Foundation. For every student in the school, regardless of age or activity, the ACE Foundation has contributed half of the costs, so that we are able to set the parental contribution to **£28.00 per student** to cover the two days activities.

If you have any questions, please contact the Year 10 Hub.

Best wishes

Mr I Miles

Community Partnership Coordinator

