

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 £20.00 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**

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

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 local cricket club 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 Altair building

**Clothing:** Full PE kit, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement. No need for walking boots, trainers will be fine.

**Extras:** Packed lunch or money for food (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided), spending money for ice creams / drinks, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors), sun cream

**Return time:** 15:00

### **Thursday 11 July**

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

Students will be allowed to explore the theme park, its 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 Altair 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 to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors), Merlin or Priority Queue pass, sun cream. **Chessington is a cashless attraction** so students will need to bring a debit card if they wish to purchase anything.

**Return time:** 18:30

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 **£20.00 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

