

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. ***If your young person is attending the residential trip, you can disregard this email.***

Thanks to those of you who have already made the £12 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 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 Vega building

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

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), sun cream. Two of the games involve water so your young person might like to bring a change of clothes.

Finish time: 15:00

Thursday 11 July

The Light

During the morning, students will participate in two activities from a choice of bowling, shuffle board, climbing, darts or pool (your yng person has made their choices and will be told which activities they are doing shortly). During the afternoon all students will watch a private screening of 'The Fall Guy'.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Vega building

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

Extras: A pizza lunch will be provided by the Light. There are a variety of snacks to purchase and students may also bring their own confectionary for during the film. Please bear in mind the cinema is air conditioned so do ensure you bring your PE hoodie/jumper as necessary. Personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors)

Return time: 15:30

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 £12.00 per student** to cover the two days activities.

If you have any further questions, please do contact the Year 8 Hub.

Best wishes

Mr I Miles

Community Partnership Coordinator

