

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, you can disregard this email.***

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 Community Day

Here in the school grounds, the students will have a practical, hands on (for those brave enough!) and interactive day with displays from Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre, Tom's Talking Reptiles, KSSX (air ambulance) and Terrence Higgins Trust.

Meet time: 08:45 outside Sports Hall

Clothing: Full PE kit

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

Finish time: 15:00

Thursday 11 July

Go-Ape, Chessington

Students will spend 4 hours in the upper canopy, completing the tree top adventure course with two ground-based team building games. They will be travelling by coach to Chessington.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Sports Hall

Clothing: Full PE kit, please ensure they wear long sleeve PE top and PE joggers/sports leggings to minimise discomfort from the full-body harness. Students may wish to bring gloves for added protection.

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

Return time: 17:00

Wildwood, Guildford

The students will take part in the high tree top rope course and three aerial challenges – “leap of faith”, “Jacobs ladder” and “telegraph pole”. They will be travelling by coach to Guildford.

Meet time: 08:15 outside Sports Hall

Clothing: Full PE kit - please wear long sleeve PE top and PE joggers/sports leggings to minimise discomfort from the full-body harness. Students may wish to bring gloves for added protection.

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

Return time: 17:00

Surrey Hills Adventure Company

The students will take part in water-based activities including Stand Up Paddle Boarding and raft building at Buckland lake. They will be travelling by coach to Buckland.

Meet time: 08:45 outside Sports Hall

Clothing: Students should wear PE kit to travel in but will need to wear swimwear including a non-baggy t-shirt to wear under their buoyancy aid. They will need a towel and shower gel for after the session. Water shoes are not necessary but may be worn.

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

Return time: 16:00

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.

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 further questions, please do contact the Year 9 Hub.

Best wishes

Mr I Miles

Community Partnership Coordinator

