

5 June 2024

Dear parents and carers

We are really delighted and excited to introduce to you our **Culture & Challenge Days 24**, which are coming up on **Wednesday 10 July and Thursday 11 July**.

These two days are off-timetable, offering an array of activities both in-school and out, that provide opportunities to get beyond the academic curriculum, have some fun with peers and staff members, some cultural experiences and some personal challenges to 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**

- Year 7 - £20
- Year 8 - £12
- Years 9 and 10 - £28

Please make your payment via [ParentPay](#) before Monday 1 July. If you anticipate a difficulty making this payment, please contact your Year Hub as soon as possible to discuss how we may be able to support. These days provide really important experiences for your young people and we want all students to take part. If you have not made a payment by the deadline we will be in touch to discuss this as it is not possible to opt out of Culture & Challenge days.

Here's the full [Culture & Challenge programme](#):

	Wednesday 10 July	Thursday 11 July
Year 10 £28	A business enterprise game run by SATRO in school. Students will be expected to come in "business dress" for the day and will work in small teams.	Choice of Dry Slope Skiing at Sandown Ski Centre, Aqua Park & Inflatables at Thorpe Lakes, or Cinema & Karting Combo in Crawley (all transport by coach)

<p>Year 9 £28</p>	<p>High Ropes Tree Top Challenge at Wildwood in Guildford or Go Ape at Chessington, or Water Based Activities at Surrey Hills Adventure Company at Buckland (all transport by coach)</p>	<p>A carousel of external visitors in the school grounds with displays from Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre, Tom's Talking Reptiles, KSSX (air ambulance), and Terrence Higgins Trust</p>
<p>Year 8 £12</p>	<p><i>Half the year group will go to The Light on Wednesday and take part in Crystal Maze games on Thursday and the other half will do Crystal Maze games on Wednesday and The Light on Thursday.</i></p> <p>A choice of activities based at The Light in Redhill in the morning, followed a cinema experience in the afternoon</p>	<p>Crystal Maze Games with a variety of physical, mental & skills-based challenges to develop team-work, leadership, problem-solving and initiative, taking place here in our grounds</p>
<p>Year 7 £20</p>	<p>9-Mile Challenge Circular Hike around the North Downs, from and back to the school, appreciating our beautiful local and natural surroundings</p>	<p>Trip to Chessington Zoo & World of Adventures (transport by coach)</p>

Finer details of what to wear, what to bring and the timings for each activity will be emailed to you nearer the time.

We truly believe these days will celebrate and challenge the students in equal measure, bringing the best from them in so many ways.

Best wishes

Mr I Miles

Community Partnership Coordinator

