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Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

Request for contribution to curriculum enrichment activities: Extended Learning Days 2021-22

Wednesday 22nd September marks the launch of this year's Extended Learning Day Programme. Extended Learning Days (or ELDs as they are known at school), provide students with the opportunity to take part in activities not normally part of the mainstream curriculum. These 'super-curricular' activities are designed to enrich and enhance students' experience of particular subject areas by giving them the opportunity to engage in deeper learning and explore a wide range of exciting topic areas in greater depth.

In addition to extending their knowledge of specific subject areas, Extended Learning Days are an important vehicle for developing students' character. To enhance in-school activities on these days, we arrange for guest speakers, theatre companies and other outside agencies to come and give talks, take workshops and lead sessions. As you can also see from the schedule below, there are also some off-site day trips.

Year 11 ELDs 2021-22:

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| ELD1 | 22/09/2021 | <p>Willen Lake visit</p> <p>An opportunity for students to take part in a number of land and water-based activities which will provide team and relationship building opportunities as well as helping students to recognise the importance that recreation has when working under pressure.</p> |
| ELD2 | 09/11/2021 | <p>Study Skills</p> <p>An interactive day designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills and revise effectively for their trial exams and their final GCSE exams.</p> |
| ELD3 | 20/01/2022 | <p>You're Hired!</p> <p>A careers day designed to support students to make their next steps beyond Year 11. This includes information about apprenticeships, universities and will involve students writing CVs, getting feedback from professionals and taking part in their own one-to-one mock job interview.</p> |
| ELD4 | 02/03/2022 | <p>Look after yourself</p> <p>A day designed to support students in developing good practice to manage their mental health and wellbeing as they face their GCSE exams.</p> |



To enable us to give each student the opportunity to benefit from these activities, we are requesting a voluntary contribution towards the cost. Feedback from our Parent Forum Group has suggested that, rather than requesting separate contributions for each activity during the course of the year, we should instead request a single payment.

In response to this feedback, we would therefore like to request a total contribution of £31 towards these activities during Year 11. This is a voluntary contribution but, without your continued support, it would be very difficult for the school to provide such a wide range of opportunities.

Please make your payment via ParentPay at the website www.parentpay.com

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Oakes
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