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Dear Year 9 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' confidence, independence and study skills. 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.

Year 9 ELDs 2021-22:

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| ELD1 | 22/09/2021 | Trench Warfare
A day of WW1 related workshops and activities to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War. |
| ELD2 | 09/11/2021 | Futures Day
A careers event designed to raise aspirations and explore a wide range of careers and pathways including apprenticeships and universities. |
| ELD3 | 20/01/2022 | Lessons From the Holocaust
A day of Holocaust related activities, including a talk from a Holocaust survivor to enhance History and PRE curriculum. |
| ELD4 | 02/03/2022 | Codebreakers
A visit from the educational outreach team at Bletchley Park, home of the code breakers during WW2. Students will learn about encryption, build and crack cyphers and make their own Enigma Machine from a crisp tube. |



- ELD5 06/07/2022 **Sports Day**
Exactly as it sounds, a day of competitive sporting activities the results of which have a significant impact on who will win the House Cup!
- ELD6 20/07/2022 **House Day**
The final House event of the year, a day of physical and mental competitions and challenges to determine who will be crowned House Champions 2021-22.

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. Please note that this payment does not cover activities during E-Week.

In response to this feedback, we would therefore like to request a total contribution of £6.50 towards these activities during Year 9. 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.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Oakes
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