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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer,

Request for contribution to curriculum enrichment activities: Extended Learning Days 2022-23

Wednesday 28th September marked 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. As you can also see from the schedule below, there are also some off-site day trips.

Year 7 ELDs 2022-23:

ELD1	28/09/2022	Peak District A half and CATS B half
ELD2	08/11/2022	Poetry Day A day of collaborative activities and workshops organised by the English Faculty and the SandPit Theatre
ELD3	19/01/2023	Location, Calculation, Location Students take on the role of property developers for the day, combining mathematical, design and entrepreneurial skills.
ELD4	01/03/2023	Need for Speed Students compete in teams in a range of activities organised by both PE and D&T activities around the theme of velocity, including a House triathlon and robot race.
ELD5	05/07/2023	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	19/07/2023	The final House Event of the year, a day of physical and mental competitions and challenges to determine who will be crowned House Champions 2022-23.



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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 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 £5 towards these activities during Year 7. This is a voluntary contribution but, without your continued support, it would be very difficult for the school to provide such a range of opportunities.

Please make your payment via ParentPay.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mark Allday
Assistant Headteacher