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Dear Families,

Year 11 Extended Learning Day Wednesday 27th September – Parental Consent

Our Extended Learning Day Programme (ELD) for Year 11 will commence with our first ELD on Wednesday 27th September. We know that ELDs provide a great opportunity for us to work with students as they prepare for their GCSE and vocational exams and qualifications throughout this year.

With this in mind, this year our ELDs will focus on exam preparation. Whilst this will consist of sessions on study skills, revision techniques and effective planning, it is as equally important to equip students with the tools and confidence to face the challenges ahead of them. Therefore, we are committed to providing opportunities for wellbeing and mindfulness. On Wednesday 27th September we will be taking Year 11 to Box End Park, near Bedford to take part in a number of land and water-based activities. We will be using this opportunity to provide team and relationship building opportunities as well as helping students to recognise the importance that recreation has when working under pressure.

This ELD coincides with the running of the GCSE Geography Field Trip. As such, if your child studies Geography they will be away on that residential experience in place of this activity.

The water-based activities will be supervised by qualified instructions and lifeguards at Box End Park. As this is seen as an adventurous activity, we are required to collect discreet permission for your child to take part in this activity. The permission form can be completed via this link - <https://waiver.roller.app/boxendpark/> I would ask for you to complete the permission form by **Thursday 14th September**. If we do not receive consent from you, your child will not be able to participate in the water-based activities.

Students will be travelling to and from Willen Lake by coach. The start and end time of the school day will not differ to any other day. It is expected that all students arrive at school in their **Sandringham School PE kit** but should also bring with them:

- Appropriate swimwear
- Towel
- A change of clothes suitable for outdoor activities and all weathers
- Sun cream
- Goggles and a swim hat (optional items, depending on students' preference)
- Packed lunch – students will be unable to purchase food at the venue
- Refillable water bottle



The cost of all ELD activities are covered through parental voluntary contributions. Over the coming weeks you will receive a communication about this. The ability to deliver opportunities throughout the year is reliant on contributions being received. Therefore, we would be most grateful if you are able to make your voluntary contribution where possible.

Yours sincerely,

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