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Dear Families,

Request for contribution to curriculum enrichment activities: Extended Learning Days 2023-24

Wednesday 27th 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 10 ELDs 2023-24:

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| ELD1 | 27/09/2023 | <p>Woke Warriors or Sensitive Snowflakes
An EDI day where students explore controversial EDI topics to improve knowledge and tolerance of diverse groups.</p> |
| ELD2 | 18/01/2023 | <p>Neasden Temple Visit
To expand the cultural capital of students we will be visiting a Hindu Mandir for the day. The day will start at school with a session giving the background of the temple and the religion of Hinduism before travelling on a coach to the temple where we will receive a tour and participate in a lesson about the history of Hinduism. We will then eat a packed lunch before returning back to school for 3pm.</p> |
| ELD3 | 06/03/2023 | <p>'Alternative' Inter-house Sports
A chance to compete in your houses in a variety of different sporting activities - these will not be the traditional netball and football. Swimming, table tennis, badminton, rounders, handball will be some of the sports on offer.</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 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 £25 towards these activities during Year 10. 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
Acting Deputy Headteacher