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Dear Parents

**Years 7-10 and Year 12 Enrichment Activity Days**  
**27-28 June 2019**

We are once again delivering two Enrichment Activity Days in June for Years 7-10 and Year 12. Students will be off timetable for these two days and will follow the plan as detailed below. This allows us to run our traditional trips and alternative activities with greater efficiency and **at a much lower cost for parents!** So that you can see the plan for the whole school, I attach the list of the activity days for 2019 which will run as follows:

Year	<i>THURSDAY 27 JUNE</i>	
7	Medieval History	French Play
8	<b>Circus Skills</b>	<b>Applying Mathematics</b>
9	First Aid Training	
9	CCF Army - New Recruits Day	
10	Geography Field Day	
10	Business Studies day - Cadbury World	
12	Confidence is P.O.W.E.R. / UKCAT day	

Year	<i>FRIDAY 28 JUNE</i>	
7	English - The making of Harry Potter, from text to screen	
8	<b>History: Warwick Castle</b>	
9	Developing Cultural Awareness	MFL and Business
10	Geography Field Day	
10	McLaren STEM Challenge	Enterprise Challenge
12	Higher Education UCAS Applications / (DoE depart)	

The Year 8 activity organisers have further explained their activities thus:

**History**

*The Earl of Warwick became famous during the War of the Roses as the 'Kingmaker' when he was instrumental in the deposition of two kings. His impressive castle in Warwick provides an engaging venue to host an activity day centred on the reign of Richard III, which the boys have been studying in Year 8. They will also continue to develop their knowledge of castle warfare, from their Year 7 studies. As well as the castle and grounds, there will be a number of medieval displays to watch, including archery, falconry and a demonstration of the largest working replica of a medieval trebuchet in the world.*

**Circus Skills**

*Boys will be spending half a day learning circus skills, including juggling, plate spinning and tightwire. This will be a fantastic opportunity to try something different and develop core skills in resilience and collaborative learning. Not only will this offer a great way to progress into the new challenges of Year 9, but it will also allow students to explore skills they may never have done before.*

### **Applied Mathematics**

#### **Mathematical Magic**

*All 'magic' is based on doing something that seems impossible but can actually be done by following certain steps. This activity will give students the chance to apply and develop their mathematical thinking skills to reverse-engineer magic tricks.*

#### **Paper Folding and Problem Solving**

*A simple piece of paper can be folded to build complex shapes and amazing structures and provides a mental challenge which uses mathematical and spatial thinking skills. This session will start with a simple dodecahedron building activity, followed by other tasks chosen based on ability level.*

There will be a cost involved in the running of the activity days which for Year 8 is **£39.50** – excellent value for two full days of activities and outing, I'm sure you will agree. Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, I am writing to ask for your agreement to your son taking part in these activity days and to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£39.50** so that we can cover the costs incurred. No pupil will be prevented from taking part in the activities on the grounds that parents cannot or will not make such a contribution, but if insufficient funding is available, the activities may be cancelled. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you.

**Please log onto Parent Pay, look up "Year 8 Activity Days" and pay the amount indicated by Wednesday 3 April 2019.** If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

As you are aware, you and your son have completed and signed the 'RGS Lifetime Behaviour and Medical Consent form' for RGS day trips. However, please understand that it is a parental responsibility to inform Matron - [matron@rgshw.com](mailto:matron@rgshw.com) - of any changes to the medical condition of your son, and any changes to emergency contact numbers should be sent to Mrs Gamester - [pg@rgshw.com](mailto:pg@rgshw.com); these requests apply to your son at any time during his school career. Contact detail changes can also be made using the SIMS Parent App.

You will receive more details of any offsite visit nearer the time from the individual trip leader.

Kind regards



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