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Dear Parents/Carers



I am writing to inform you of some exciting plans that the school is putting in place for the end of term. From Monday 24th June, we are collapsing the normal timetable of lessons to make way for the end of year exams and the launch of our '**Creative Curriculum 2024**', which will run for the last three and a half weeks up until the end of the summer term. This letter is designed to make you aware of the overall plans and further details will be sent out straight after half term.

End of Year Exams

During this time, students will have End of Year exams in most of the subjects they study. In Year 10 this will generally include their 4 option subjects, along with Maths and Science. Year 10 students will also be recording their NEA speaking component for English Language but will not have a written exam, as they have just sat their English Literature GCSE exam. In years 7-9, students will sit exams in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Ethics, French, Spanish and Drama (providing they study them as part of their normal timetabled curriculum). These exams will take place in the Sports Hall and not only will they provide an indication of progress over the year, it will also get students used to sitting in an exam hall and doing exams with the rest of the year group, under strict exam conditions. An exam timetable will be issued after half term and subject teachers will inform students what the exams will include.

Creative Curriculum 2024

Rather than continuing with normal lessons in between the end of year exams, students will be taking part in a wide range of workshops and themed activities within their year groups, delivered by staff and a wide range of guest speakers. There are also several trips being lined up for each year group. The idea behind these workshops and activities is to provide staff with the

opportunity to organise and deliver activities that perhaps would not normally be possible within the constraints of the normal timetable. The emphasis will still be very much on learning and these last few weeks are not to be seen just being a 'jolly' and optional. Again, further details will be sent out after half term.

Costs & Support

Part of the Creative Curriculum will involve some trips. As a school we are working hard to minimise any costs by utilising money from various different budgets so as to heavily subsidise the cost of the educational trips. However, we may need to ask for a small contribution from parents and carers for some of these trips. If there any businesses that would like to sponsor or help subsidise a trip please contact the school and let us know. The trips being planned are an integral part of the Creative Curriculum and we do not want students missing out due to financial reasons.

As part of the Creative Curriculum there will be a Careers Day on Tuesday 25th June for Year 9 students where local businesses are coming into school to run 90 min 'practical' workshops with small groups of students. The idea is to give our Year 9 students an insight into different career possibilities in the hope it inspires them and gives them some direction into future career opportunities. So far we have a range of companies who have agreed to support this event, including a solicitor, accountant, illustrator, fashion designer and a personal trainer, however, if you know someone who could come in and deliver a career based workshop on this day, please let me know.

Further details will be sent out straight after half term, however we wanted to inform and share with you our initial plans for the end of term. A lot of work has already gone into planning the activities and I hope the students will enjoy the activities being planned and find them informative. If you feel you could support the 'Creative Curriculum 2024' in any way please do not hesitate to email me, mbooy@kingstoneacademy.co.uk

Kind regards



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