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Dear Parents/Carers



Creative Curriculum – Year 7 Update

Hopefully you are aware of from previous letters that the normal school timetable is being collapsed from Monday 24th June to allow the End of Year Exams to take place, along with our 'Creative Curriculum 2024'. As previously stated, 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. I am now in a position to update you on some of the things being planned for Year 7 students during this time, when they are not sitting exams. In addition to the 'reward trip' to Porthcawl, this includes:

- A performance by the singer 'Ladybyrd' that focuses on mental wellbeing
- Working in forms, students will be rehearsing and putting together a Drama play that will be performed to some Year 6 students
- A trip into Hereford to visit the Cathedral, St Francis Xavier Catholic Church and Hereford Baptist Church to compare the different places of worship.
- A series of ICT workshops
- An introduction to Food Tech workshop
- A STEM day (Science, Technology, Maths & Engineering) where students work in groups to complete a series of practical challenges
- A Criminal Justice Day and also a Staying Safe Day looking at Internet Safety with a guest speaker from 'Knife Angel Hereford' delivering an assembly about knife crime
- A walk around the village looking at the local history with a follow up task
- 'D Day 80' – a look at what D Day was and an opportunity to do some display work on what they have learnt.
- Not only take part in the school's annual Sports Day but to also represent their houses in a session of team sports.

- An opportunity to take part in a Mock General Election, having first looked at how Parliament and elections work, as well as what MPs do and what the different political parties stand for.

There is also the opportunity for a small group of Year 7 students to attend a Sustainability Conference at Haberdashers Monmouth School that includes a key note speech from the TV Presenter Kate Humble.

Just before we break up for the summer holidays, there will be also be an opportunity for students to 'Try something new'. Students will have the opportunity to pick 2 activities from a range of activities being organised. Currently these include the opportunity to try surfing, go fishing, play golf, try crocheting, go on a country walk, try rhythmic gymnastics, play hockey and look at German culture and cuisine. Further activities are still being planned and a letter with the final list of options will be sent out nearer the time.

The school is looking to subsidise the cost of all the activities and trips within the Creative Curriculum, however as you can imagine this is a massive undertaking when you consider what each year group is doing. As such we are asking parents if they can contribute a payment of £10 to help cover the costs, via ParentPay. This does not include the trip to Porthcawl, which details have already been sent out. There may also be some additional costs for a couple of the 'Try something new' – for example, the surfing will cost £25 – however there will also be a lot of free activities. Details and arrangements for particular trips will also be sent out in the next week.

I hope the students will enjoy the activities being planned and find them informative. If you have any queries about the 'Creative Curriculum 2024', please do not hesitate to email me.

Kind regards



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