5th July 2023

Dear Parents,

**Re: Activities week Monday 17th July – Friday 21st July 2023**

Please be reminded the week of 17th July is activities week.

Please see a reminder of the trips and workshops that are happening during the week in the table below.

**Just to be clear, there is also a range of additional activities for those not on trips for every day and therefore non-attendance on trips does not mean there is nothing for your child to do or a reason not to attend school.**

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|  | **Monday 17h**  | **Tuesday 18h**  | **Wednesday 19th**  | **Thursday 20th**  | **Friday 21st**  |
| **7 specifically** | Thorpe Park | Work shadowing | Tower of London | Phasels Wood | Phasels Wood |
| **8 specifically** | PGL Lindington | PGL Lindington | PGL Lindington | Thorpe Park  | Work Shadowing |
| **9 specifically** | French tripSpanish trip  | French tripSpanish trip Thorpe Park  | French tripSpanish trip Work shadowing | French tripSpanish trip |  |
| **Workshops** |  | Drawing class  | First aid  | Forensic science | Dance workshop  |
| **Day trips** | Waterways experience Silverstone F1 museum | National science museum  | Whipsnade  | Y8&9 ONLYESSA Water Park –  |  |
| **Half day trips** | Harry Potter  |  | Ben Kinsella  |  | Ice skating Bowling |

When students arrive at school, there will be posters of information on the doors explaining where they need to go for each activity. It is important that students read these and get themselves to the correct locations, particularly if they are going on a trip.

For the week of activities, we allow students to dress in non-uniform. We want all students to have a great time, so please ensure that clothing is appropriate for school and the relevant activity. There will be a variety of activities when students are in school based ones, so trainers are a good staple for footwear. With the usual British weather, we never know what quite to expect so please equip students for any forecast whether it be raincoats or sun hats and sun cream!

The school buses will still be running as usual, and our canteen will be open at break and lunch for those students who are in school at those times.

Students who have not yet returned their work shadowing letters, it is not too late, but these must arrive by Wednesday 12th July, otherwise we will have to expect them in school. As this is part of their careers programme, we have created some work and activities that will as best we can replicate the lessons that they will hopefully be learning in a work placement. If you did not receive the additional forms that were copied and given to your child on Thursday 6th July, then the form is available on our website, under activities week.

If your child is sick during the week, please use the usual process of informing the school otherwise this will be recorded as unauthorised absence. For safeguarding reasons, we will also still be sending the usual attendance calls.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Ruth Jennings