



February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Activity Days – 17 and 18 July 2023

The last week of term, commencing Monday 17 July 2023, includes two activity days and we have planned the following exciting activities:

Monday 17 July – It's a Knockout and Sports Carousel

Students will be working in teams to complete a number of challenges based on the It's a Knockout theme. These will include inflatables as well as group activities where their teamwork skills will be challenged.

In the afternoon students will be involved in a variety of Sports activities on a carousel basis. Students will need to arrive in school in some appropriate 'sporting' attire and possibly a change of clothes as there will be water involved in the first activity.

Tuesday 18 July – Trip to Thorpe Park, Chertsey

Students will be traveling to Thorpe Park for a fun-filled day of adventure. They will be required to be in groups of three or more at all times and will also be required to check-in once during the day. A member of staff will be available at the check-in point at all times during the day should the need arise.

We will be traveling to Thorpe Park by coach, leaving school promptly at 9.00am (registration will be at the normal time of 8.30am) and returning for the end of the school day at 3.30pm. Students will need to wear comfortable, loose clothing and trainers; jeans are not suitable. Depending on weather, students may need to bring with them waterproofs and/or a sun hat and sunscreen. There will be opportunities to purchase food/drink but students may choose to take a packed lunch and a water bottle.

The total cost for these activities for both days will be £37.50; this includes travel to Thorpe Park and insurance. These activities are designed to be inclusive so that all can engage but if you would like to discuss your child's participation then please contact me by email.

For those students who have a valid Merlin Pass the total cost will be £21.00; it is the student's responsibility to bring and look after their pass on the day. For more information on the Merlin pass please information [here](#)

Payment may be made by ParentPay by Tuesday 16 May at the latest; payments are non-refundable.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken for the above activities and appropriate control measures are in place.

I appreciate that the cost of these activity days creates an additional expense for families, particularly to those parents/carers with multiple children at the school, however I have arranged these activities because they offer fantastic experiences for the students which will:

- Increase confidence
- Identify leadership potential
- Allow students to interact with the natural environment
- Teach outdoor survival skills
- Accelerate new friendships

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence as soon as possible and by Thursday 20 April at the latest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'H Bjornsgaard', written over a circular stamp or watermark.

Miss H Bjornsgaard
Head of Year 10