



May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 10 Activity Days – 17 and 18 July 2024**

The last week of term, commencing 15 July 2024, includes two activity days, one of which is visiting Chessington World of Adventure.

### **Wednesday 17 July – It's a Knockout and Sports Activities**

It's a Knockout is a half day activity which the students absolutely love. These are inflatable obstacles which the students compete as teams to complete. Games are great for all abilities and the It's a Knockout team ensures that everyone is included in the activities. In addition there are excellent safety protocols in place for each of the obstacles. We are really looking forward to seeing the students having a great time on this activity. To complete the first day the students will also participate in a sports carousel where they will be able to pick from various options. Students will need their PE kit and a change of clothes on the day.

### **Thursday 18 July – Trip to Chessington World of Adventures**

Our second day of activities will see us visiting Chessington where the students will be able to choose from the many rides and activities and to spend some time enjoying the end of term with their friends. We recommend students bring a packed lunch on the day but there will be an opportunity to purchase drinks, small snacks and souvenirs. Please bring a change of clothes if you plan on going on wet rides

We will be travelling to Chessington by coach, leaving school promptly at 9.30am (registration will be at the normal time) and returning at approximately 6.15pm. Students will **not** be expected to wear school uniform for this trip, but should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing.

The total cost for these activities will be £43.50; payment should be made by ParentPay by Friday 7 June at the latest. This includes travel, insurance, Chessington tickets and It's a Knockout activities. For those students who have a valid Merlin Pass, please contact Mrs McCarthy in the Finance Office for details of the reduced cost. For more information on the Merlin pass please find information [here](#). It is the student's responsibility to bring and look after their pass on the day. Please note that Blue Peter badges are no longer accepted at Chessington.

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 make lasting memories before their final year at Ashlyns
- Strengthen friendships

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. No student will be denied participation in the trip/activity because of difficulty in meeting the cost. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship, please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office in confidence as soon as possible and by Friday 24 May at the latest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs S Gee', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Gee  
Head of Year 10