



May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Activity Days

On 17 and 18 July we have two activity days and I have planned the following exciting days of team-building, competition, navigating and timekeeping, helping to both reward students for their efforts this year, as well as promoting resilience and character:

Wednesday 17 July – Sports Activities

We have arranged for 'It's a Knockout' to take place in the morning, when students will experience team races and the strong possibility of getting wet with water and foam! In the afternoon there will be team-building activities and sports to complement the morning. Students will need their PE kit and a change of clothes on the day.

Thursday 18 July – Chessington World of Adventure

The theme park includes ten themed lands and over forty rides and attractions, together with a zoo, sealife centre and daily shows. Each land offers a unique theme, rides, attractions and places to rest and shop. The zoo hosts over one thousand animals, from the exotic and endangered to the cuddly and cute. We recommend students bring a packed lunch on the day but there will be an opportunity to purchase drinks, small snacks and souvenirs. Students should bring a change of clothes if they plan on going on wet rides.

We will be travelling by coach, leaving school at 9.00am and returning at approximately 6.00pm. Students should register in the Chapel at 8.30am. They will **not** be expected to wear school uniform for this trip, but should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing.

The total cost for all these activities will be £43.50; payment should be made by ParentPay by Friday 7 June at the latest. This includes travel, insurance, admission to Chessington and It's a Knockout. 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.

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. No student will be denied participation in the trip/activity because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office in confidence by Friday 24 May at the latest.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Gould
Head of Year 8