

2 July 2025

Dear parents and carers

I wrote to you in April about our exciting Culture & Challenge Days which are coming up soon, on **Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 July**. I am now pleased to be able to provide the specific details for your young person for these events.

Wednesday 9 July

The Nine Mile Challenge Hike

A walk around the local area through open countryside, woods and farmland. The route, on firm bridleways and footpaths, has gentle inclines, good views and a reasonable amount of shade on the way round. There are toilet facilities at a local cricket club en route and "Junction 8" café on Reigate Hill, providing the obvious place to take lunch. Trainers are more than adequate to complete the route.

Meet time: 08:30 in front of Capella Field

Clothing: Own clothes, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement. No need for walking boots, trainers will be fine.

Extras: Packed lunch or money for food (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided), spending money for ice creams / drinks, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors), sun cream. **No mobile phones allowed.**

Return time: 15:00

Thursday 10 July

Chessington World of Adventures

Students will be allowed to explore the theme park, its rides and attractions in small groups for the day with staff both circulating about the park and maintaining a known "meeting point" should students need to make contact.

Meet time: 08:30 in front of Capella Field, for prompt coach departure at 09:00

Clothing: Full PE kit, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement

Extras: Packed lunch or money for food & snacks (if you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided), spending money for souvenirs, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors), Merlin or Priority Queue pass, sun cream. **Chessington is a cashless attraction** so students will need to bring a debit card/apple or google pay if they wish to purchase anything. **Mobile phones allowed at students' own risk.**

Return time: 18:30

Our vision is that, through these two days off-timetable where we are offering an array of activities both in-school and out, students will have the opportunity to get beyond the academic curriculum, have some fun with peers and staff members, share cultural experiences and some personal challenges that will build their skills and open their minds to possibilities for the future.

If you have any further questions, please do contact the Year 7 Hub.

Best wishes

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