

4 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 Light

During the morning, students will participate in two activities from a choice of bowling, shuffle board/mini golf and climbing (your young person has made their choices and will be told which activities they are doing shortly). During the afternoon all students will watch a private screening of 'How to Train Your Dragon Part 2'.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Vega building

Clothing: Full PE kit, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement. If your young person is climbing, they should wear (or change into) leggings or jogging bottoms.

Extras: A pizza lunch, including squash, will be provided by the Light and during the film they will have a choice of ice cream tub provided. There are also a variety of snacks to purchase and students may bring their own confectionary for during the film. Please bear in mind the cinema is air conditioned so do ensure you bring your PE hoodie/jumper as necessary. Personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors). **Mobile phones allowed for payment purposes only.**

Return time: 15:30

Thursday 10 July

The Crystal Maze Games

The day will be spent with the students rotating between a variety of physical, mental & skills based challenges to develop teamwork, leadership, problem solving and initiative taking place here in our grounds.

Meet time: 08:30 outside Vega building

Clothing: Own clothes, including weatherproof jacket should the weather be inclement

Extras: Packed lunch optional or food available as a normal school day from The Observatory, water, personal medication to be kept with the student across the day (asthma pumps & auto injectors), sun cream. Two of the games involve water so your young person will need to bring a change of clothes and towel as they are likely to get wet. **No mobile phones allowed.**

Finish time: 15:00

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 8 Hub.

Best wishes

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