

May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Curriculum Enrichment Days
Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June 2017**

We have now finalised all of the arrangements for the two Curriculum Enrichment Days on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June 2017, details of which are attached. We have endeavoured to provide a range of activities for all students. These Curriculum Enrichment Days offer valuable opportunities for students to experience activities not normally available in the curriculum.

We anticipate all students will take part in all activities.

Please read through the information carefully and complete the relevant form(s) attached, which should be returned to the Main Office at the school, **by Friday 12 May.**

Unless stated otherwise, all activities will be leaving and returning within the normal school day.

An EV5 external visit consent form is attached and this will cover all activities off-site. **Please ensure this is completed and returned with the permission slips.** If this form is not returned, your child will not be able to go on the trips. Please would you direct any further enquiries to the named teacher who is organising the trip.

The Humanities Day is non-uniform. For Young Leaders' Day, please wear PE kit.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs F Gormley
Deputy Headteacher**

Year 8 students

Tuesday 27 June		Wednesday 28 June	
GOM Houses	RBV Houses	GOM Houses	RBV Houses
Humanities Day	Young Leaders' Day	Young Leaders' Day	Humanities Day

Costs: **There is no cost for either activity.**

Important trip information

Young Leaders' Day

Organising teacher: Mr R Jones

The aim of the day is for students to develop their knowledge on how to lead others and be able to put these skills into practice. The students will learn skills in communication, organisation of people, space and equipment. They will be required to plan, set up and deliver games, and use key skills such as motivation, great communication skills and organisation. The students will then have time as a form to plan and deliver a sports day for the Year 6 students on their Induction Day in July.

Students will need to wear PE kit and be prepared for all weathers, ie rainproof clothing, sun cream, sun hats etc, and bring a water bottle.

Humanities Day

Organising teachers: Mr S Lane and Ms R Forbes

The day will be split into two parts, with two tutor groups studying Geography in the morning and RE in the afternoon and vice versa. Students should be in non-school uniform, wearing appropriate footwear for walking. It is also recommended that students bring a coat as it could be cold and/or windy. Students are required to bring a packed lunch for the day as we will not be following the normal times of the school day.

Geography - River Tone

We will be studying rivers in Geography – looking at river processes, why rivers flood and different flood management schemes that can be used. We are incredibly fortunate to have the River Tone so close to school and so have planned a half day field visit to the French Weir area. Students will be investigating flood risk and management in the local area and will be using different fieldwork techniques to map and collect data. We will then be interpreting, analysing and evaluating the fieldwork data in lessons following the fieldwork day.

The students will be supervised throughout the visit and will be reminded of health and safety issues before going and will only be walking along footpaths (they will not be allowed close to the river edge).

RE - Churches Visit (Taunton)

We will be studying rites of passage in RE– looking at important events in the life of an individual, how changes are celebrated or marked and the influence behind these practices. To look at this in context we are going to visit two different denominations of churches. We are going to focus on baptism in these churches but also compare the two churches in terms of interior and architecture. We will have a chance to analyse why both the building and the rite of passage might be different in the two churches and this will help students in their evaluation of denominational practices.

The students will be supervised throughout the visit and will be reminded of health and safety issues before going. Students will walk along appropriate and safe walking routes.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT DAYS – 27 and 28 June 2017

CONSENT FORMS

Could you please fill out and sign the consent forms and return them to the Main Office **by Friday 12 May 2017.** **There is no cost for either activity.**

Activity – Humanities Day

I would like my son/daughter to participate in the Year 8 Humanities Day. As parent/carer, I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it.

a) except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as for students in educational establishments, ie, that the Academy can only insure against the proven negligence by the Academy and/or its employees; and

b) The Academy purchases travel insurance through Chubb Insurance which provides personal accident cover (see copy of the policy on the school website for details) but I may consider taking out my own travel insurance to supplement this if appropriate.

Emergency telephone number should we need to contact you **(essential)**

Signed(Parent/Carer) Date