

3rd July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

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Activities Week - Final Information

I am thrilled that we are able to offer our Activities Week experience to students this year. Of course, our ability to run the full scope of trips has been limited, but we have worked incredibly hard to offer students a really fun and enriching experience, whether in school or out.

As you will know, Covid rates are on the rise again, and we are therefore seeing an increase in the number of staff affected. We have built extra capacity into the system for this reason, but please do understand if some plans need to change at the last minute. As you can imagine, it's a very complex operation, and we're grateful for your understanding.

Students have had an updated timetable for the week uploaded to Firefly this evening, and the staff leads for each yeargroup will check each morning that they are aware of any changes.

For the Adventure Bristol Activities - To comply with our risk assessments please can students ensure they do not wear open toed shoes for the in-school Adventure Bristol activities where trainers are advised.

Year 10 Work Experience Week

We wish Year 10 students a really good week next week at their Work Experience placements. Many schools stopped these a number of years ago. We have always believed that they form an essential part of the education journey and preparation for later life and we really see the impact on these students. Particularly after the limitations of the last two years, we are delighted that we are able to run this again and hope that Year 10 students gain a huge amount from it.

For the small number of students that do not have a placement, they should arrive at school by 8.45am and report to IT1 each morning. If any are absent through ill health, please call the attendance line as usual.



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North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

One of our successful events to celebrate Pride month in school was a visit from the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum. This is a local charity that supports members of the LGBT+ community and their families, including support groups for parents, carers and relatives. Further information can be found by following this link: https://www.nslgbtforum.com/

Sanitary Items

Mrs Thomas has a large stock for sanitary items available for families who may be struggling financially due to the cost of living crisis. If free sanitary items may be helpful, please get in touch with Mrs Thomas (in confidence) via e-mail <u>cthomas@gordanoschool.org.uk</u>.

Wishing everyone a really successful Activities Week.

Kind regards

Tom Inman Headteacher