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Dear Parent/Carer

Curriculum Enhancement Week 15th-18th July 2014

I wanted to write to you to bring you details of your child's first curriculum enhancement week. This is a four day programme whereby the timetable is based on each year group working together to take part in activities outside of their normal lessons. Monday is a normal school day and students are expected to wear normal uniform. This week is intended to improve many interpersonal skills such as teamwork, communication and leadership. Students will be working in different groups across the year team. Below are details of what will be undertaken each day.

Students will be required to dress in their own clothes from Tuesday to Friday which are suitable for physical activity (no jeans as students would get too hot). Please be aware that the school rules about hair, makeup and jewellery still apply. If your child is unsure if their dress could be classed as unacceptable they should come and ask at the year office. Please read the 'What will students be required to bring in' section carefully and ensure your child is fully prepared for each day. Many of the activities are due to take place outside in the glorious sunshine however, if the weather is poor your child will need to be prepared with suitable attire.

Tuesday 15th July - Ferris wheel project and bamboo catapults

What students are required to bring in:

A hat
Sun cream
Water/drink
A change of clothes (students may get wet during the bamboo catapults)
Trainers/suitable footwear

Wednesday 16th July - Carousel of activities

Students will have many different experiences throughout the day from activities including t-shirt design, Harry Potter experience, alternative physical activities, animation, explore music, mystery, creating potions and life size board games.

What students are required to bring in:

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Thursday 17th July - Trip to the Isle of Wight

Students must meet in the school car park/main hall at 6.00am, please make every effort to be on time or early as we have to leave school by 6.30am to catch the correct ferry from Portsmouth. As previously stated we have now booked a visit to Carisbrooke Castle, Alum Bay chair lift ride, Needles pleasure-boat trip and Robin Hill Adventure Park where the activities will include supervised fire-lighting without matches and rockets. We are hoping to return back to school between 8.00pm and 8.30pm.

What students are required to bring in:

A hat Sun cream Water/drink A packed lunch

A jacket (please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather)

A little spending money can be brought however there will be limited opportunity to spend it. NO expensive mobiles/camera/MP3 players/games consoles. We cannot guarantee that these items will remain safe throughout the day so it is best that they are left at home. Alternative activity within school for those not attending

Those students staying in school will take part in a Flag Day, learning about the importance and significance of them. They will conclude the day by taking part in a competition to design and create a new flag for the school. These students will report in school at 8.25am as usual and will be given instructions on arrival.

Friday 18th July - Team building and orienteering

Students will be taking part in a team building competition demonstrating the skills they have acquired throughout the week. The students will also be taking part in an orienteering exercise.

What students are required to bring in:

A hat Sun cream Water/drink Trainers/suitable footwear

As you will see, there is a wide range of activities for your child to experience, learn from and enjoy. I hope the week will teach and reinforce skills that students will be able to utilise later in life as well as within the classroom as they enter year 8.

If you have any questions about the week please feel free to contact Mrs Farrant on afarrant@wsgfl.org.uk or Mr Millican on amillican@wsgfl.org.uk.

Yours sincerely Mr A Millican **Head of Year 7**











