

25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 7 Activities Week – 17<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

The last full week of term, 17<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> July, will be an ‘Activities Week’, when Year 7 students will participate in a programme of visits and activities. A range of activities have been planned that will be interesting, informative and fun, and the students will be allocated to a different activity or trip each day, completing all of the activities over the course of the week.

<b>Activity A</b>	<b>Zest Me</b>
<b>Activity B</b>	<b>Longleat Safari Park</b>
<b>Activity C</b>	<b>Brean Theme park</b>
<b>Activity D</b>	<b>Bristol History Day/ Including a boat tour of the docks, a visit to M Shed and a visit to SS Great Britain</b>
<b>Activity E</b>	<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Workshops</b>

Students will require packed lunches for all trips but if your child is entitled to Free School Meals one will be provided from our canteen. Students will not be expected to wear school uniform, but will need to be comfortably and appropriately dressed for each activity. Details of what activities your child will be doing on each day and details of specific clothing needed will be sent to you nearer the time.

During each activity students will be in small groups in close proximity to, but not under the direct supervision of, members of staff.

- **Zest Me** – an external company will be providing total wipe out inflatable assault course, team building and circus skills. They will rotate round all of the activities on one day.
- **Longleat Safari Park** - students will be allowed to explore the complex in small groups, although there will be a central meeting point and members of staff will be there throughout the visit. On the visit to Longleat, the coach will drive through animal enclosures and students will have unlimited entry into Longleat House & Safari Adventure Park attractions (subject to standard conditions of entry).
- **Bristol History Day** - a visit to M Shed and a boat trip around Bristol Docks in the morning and a visit to the SS Great Britain in the afternoon. (We could not secure a visit to SS Great Britain on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July so one group of students will do the boat trip and then the flying start challenge at school hosted by a local employer.)
- **Brean Theme park** - Brean Theme Park has over 40 attractions including indoor and outdoor Roller Coasters, Wild Water Log Flume, Dodgems, Crazy Boats, Wipe Out, JetSpin, Waveswinger, and the UK’s best Ghost Train – Terror Castle!

- **STEM Workshops** – activities based in school and hosted by local businesses. They will be doing a Lego robotics challenge, Speed car engineering race and a coding challenge.
- As always, we expect students to behave appropriately during what will be an action packed and fun week. However, if there is any misbehaviour a student will be withdrawn from any further activities and will spend their time in the reset and reflection room at school.

The cost for the whole week including transport and admission fees will be **£135** and I am sure you will agree that this represents very good value for money.

Please arrange payment by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. Our preferred method of payment is via the school web site <http://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk> and select the *Parents and Carers Area*. Click the link to the internet payment system (SCOPAY online payments) and log in to your on-line account.

### **Financial assistance**

I do recognise that the cost of this week represents a considerable financial commitment for families. We would therefore encourage you to apply to the enabling fund for assistance so that your child is able to participate in their preferred option. Trustees of the enabling fund are willing to grant financial assistance to any parent that requests it. The enabling fund rarely refuse any reasonable request for support. If there is any financial hardship in funding these trips, it may be possible for assistance from the Enabling Fund. To obtain an Enabling Fund Application Form and further information please contact Lynda Hynam on 0117 377 2100, email [hynaml@smrt.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:hynaml@smrt.bristol.sch.uk) or use [this form](#).

If you have any other questions about the week, please contact me at [halea@smrt.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:halea@smrt.bristol.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely



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