



September 2011

Dear Parents

Year 12 Activities Week: 3rd – 10th July 2012

I am writing to inform you of the opportunities and activities available to our Year 12 students during Activities Week. The number of days available will vary according to the activities your son/daughter will take part in during this particular week (see below).

JULY 2012							
Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th	Saturday 7th	Sunday 8th	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th
Biology Visit						↑ UCAS/EPQ Day ↓	Biology Visit
	← St Ives Visit (Art) →						↓ UCAS/EPQ Day →
	← Bushcraft Company (24 hour course) →						
	← Bushcraft Company (3 day course) →						
← Work Experience →							

Your son/daughter can “mix and match” what they choose to do. Further information about each activity is given below:

Work Experience

Depending on what other activities are chosen, this can be for either one, two, three or four days. We strongly believe that this will be extremely valuable to the students both in terms of their own personal development and also in how they could use the experience in future applications, particularly UCAS.

Unlike in Year 10, the onus on this occasion is on the students to arrange/organise their own work experience. The attached form must be completed **meticulously** and returned to me no later than Friday, 30th March 2012.

Should you have any questions relating to this, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Janet Turnbull, our School Careers Advisor.

Biology Visit

The Biology Department will be organising 2 single day fieldwork trips during Activities Week to the Field Studies Centre at Amersham for prospective A2 Biologists (not Human). The purpose of these trips will be to help students’ understanding of the ecology based sections of “Populations & the Environment” at A2 Level. It will also give the students an opportunity to gain experience of “How Science Works”, a crucial aspect of the A Level Biology syllabus.

St Ives Visit

The Art Trip to St Ives is a unique opportunity to experience the birth place of abstract and contemporary Art in Britain. It is a practical trip aimed at developing skills and producing work that will be submitted as part of the A2 coursework. It is open to all those studying any of the following Art endorsements; Photography, Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics. We will also consider any one who has a particular enthusiasm for any of these areas and would see it as an enrichment experience.

For those planning to continue with studies in A2 Photography, Fine Art and Textiles it is highly recommended that you participate, as the work produced will count towards your A2, unit 3.

The Bushcraft Company Course

Two courses are on offer here:

1. 24 Hour Course – Wednesday, 4th July to Thursday, 5th July 2012.
2. Three Day Residential – Wednesday, 4th July to Friday, 6th July 2012.

Further details and applications for these Bushcraft Company courses have been given out separately.

Yours sincerely

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