

10 November 2023

## Letter to All Year 8 and Year 9 Parents

Dear Parent/Carer

### Re Enrichment Week – Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024

We are delighted to launch Enrichment Week between **Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024**. Enrichment Week is a key part of our promise to deliver *"more than a visible curriculum and challenge all pupils to achieve more than they first think is possible"*. As well as being great fun, the trips and activities have educational purposes, and provide opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves in ways they might not have thought of, from overcoming the fear of heights, to staying away from home for the first time. Enrichment Week also gives pupils the chance to meet and make new friends, whilst building relationships with teachers and staff in another context.

Pupils have received an assembly from me this week to advise them of the opportunities available to them during the week of Monday 1 to Friday 5 July 2024. Additional information will be available via Latest News on our website [www.deerparkschool.net](http://www.deerparkschool.net) including total costs, deposits for each activity, outline itineraries for each activity and other FAQs.

Accompanying this letter is the **Enrichment Week Application form**. Please can I ask that this is completed with your son/daughter's **three** choices and signed by the parent/carer. Applications will not be accepted if they are not signed by a parent or carer. Pupils have also been asked to complete an online Microsoft form application, which has been circulated to pupils via SatchelOne:SMHW. The hard copy application should be handed to me in the pastoral office. **The deadline for the ONLINE AND HARD COPY applications is Friday 17 November**. Places will be allocated by Friday 24 November and confirmed to pupils. **The deposit for the 1<sup>st</sup> Choice activity should then be paid via MCAS MyChildAtSchool by Friday 1 December 2023. The interim payment deadline is 19 February 2024 and the final payment deadline is 8 April 2024. However, you can choose to pay in smaller instalments as per the MCAS payment plan ensuring the deadlines are met.**

Whilst we will try to ensure that pupils get their 1<sup>st</sup> Choice activity, this isn't always possible. Where the activities are oversubscribed, a draw will take place.

If pupils do not complete an Application form, they will be assigned to an activity.

I appreciate that timescales and deadlines are tight, however we are currently holding places with the activity providers which require securing as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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