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Dear Parent/ Carer

KS4 Easter Reward Trips

Trip Leaders Mr Hallam/Mr Flynn/Mrs March/Mrs Howson

As part of the QEGS rewards partnership, we are delighted to offer KS4 the opportunity to attend a reward trip on Tuesday 20th March 2018. Students will have a choice of either:

- Paintballing at Wild Park Leisure
- Cinema and then bowling or ice-skating at Uttoxeter Cinebowl

Students will depart from the academy promptly at 8.45am and return in time for school buses at 1.45pm. Students will not be expected to wear uniform if they are on this reward trip, but will need clothing suitable for the activity that they choose. Students will need to bring or buy their own food if they choose the paintballing trip, but tea, coffee and squash will be provided. Students opting for the Cinebowl trip will be given a Pappa John's Meal Deal of pizza, wedges and a drink, but are also able to bring or purchase additional food and drink if required.

Students will earn this reward by following the academy rules and being up to date with their academic qualifications. KS4 is a key time in any student's life and we hope that the criteria we have set, which students must adhere to in order to attend, will not only enable them to access this reward trip, but will also help them to achieve their potential and prepare them with the essential life skills needed for the world of further education and work. All KS4 students had an assembly, at the start of term, to reinforce what is expected of them and the following targets were set:

- Attendance must be 96% or above
- All mock examinations must be completed
- Punctuality – no more than 3 late marks
- Negative behaviour events recorded – no more than 3
- Uniform negative event logged -this to include incorrect uniform/footwear and not wearing their lanyard – no more than 3
- NO isolations or fixed-term exclusions

Based on our knowledge of this cohort and previous data, we believe the vast majority of KS4 students will have no problem meeting these targets and we feel that it is important that their consistently good behaviour and attendance is recognised, acknowledged and rewarded. We really would like all of our students to be able to attend this reward trip and we hope, with your support, that this will be the case.

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We do understand that students fall ill and are unable to attend school, but we still consider this to be a loss of learning and we want to reward the students who have attended consistently throughout the term. We also know that students have to attend medical/dental appointments, but we urge all students to make appointments at the end of the day, where possible, so as not to impact on their attendance. The criteria of 96% attendance starts from the 3rd January 2018 and will be strictly adhered to. If you feel that your child is disadvantaged by any of the criteria set, please contact me directly to discuss your concerns.

The cost of the trips, to be paid via ParentPay, are:

- Wild Park Leisure - £25.00 (to cover costs of the paintballing, 200 paintballs and transport)
- Cinebowl - £17.00 (to cover costs of the cinema, bowling/ice-skating, meal deal and transport)

The law currently does not allow us to make a charge for this category of trip, although we may ask for a voluntary contribution. No student may be excluded from the excursion because of inability to pay. However, unless the voluntary contributions cover the cost of the excursions, the visit may not take place. If you feel you are unable to pay for this trip and would like your child to go, please call Mrs Howson on extension 1746 immediately, to ensure that there is a place available and that the correct risk assessments have been completed.

The deadline for making this payment is Friday 16th March 2018. Please remember to tick the consent box on the ParentPay screen*.

Students that do not achieve the criteria set or who choose not to go on the reward trips are expected in school for a normal school day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Hallam
KS4 Progress Team Leader

*By clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment detailed above, you are also confirming that the emergency contact and medical details we have on our system are correct for your child. Please inform me as a matter of urgency should there be any changes to the details we hold.