



17th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 7 student

Personal Development Week 15th to 19th July – Year 7

For the final week of the summer term (15th July to 19th July) students in Years 7-9 will follow an enhanced programme of Personal Development. Personal Development is an essential part of our curriculum and the holistic education we offer and was commended by Ofsted in January 2024.

The aims of the Personal Development week will be to enhance skills and build cultural capital by having experiences outside of the classroom. The timetable for students during this week will be very different to normal subject routines. Students will engage in a range of day-long activities and trips linked to various curriculum areas. Please see below a summary of the planned trips and activities for your child. All visits are within the school day (will not depart before 8.50am and will return before 3.20pm).

	Monday 15 th July	Tuesday 16 th July	Wednesday 17 th July	Thursday 18 th July
Boothby	Ilam Hall	Harry Potter – In House	Cromford	Magna
Cokayne	Magna	Ilam Hall	Harry Potter – In House	Cromford
Hull	Cromford	Magna	Ilam Hall	Harry Potter – In House
Spalden	Harry Potter – In House	Cromford	Magna	Ilam Hall

Ilam Visit – Students will take the bus to Ilam Hall where they will be able to explore the grounds and complete the orienteering course. They will need a **packed lunch and plenty of water**. They will then walk back to school predominantly on footpaths at a very leisurely pace. Students need to wear clothing suitable for the weather (probably waterproofs and suncream!).

Magna Science Adventure Centre – Magna is a hands-on science exhibition focusing on Air, Earth, Fire and Water and houses over 100 interactive exhibits facilitating learning through investigation and play. It is set in a refurbished steelworks and offers a unique insight into the steelworks of the past whilst inspiring a new generation into Science, Technology and Engineering students. **School uniform and packed lunch required.**

Cromford Mills – Students will visit Cromford Mills. There is a packed day of activities including a tour of the mills and village and a workshop on climate change involving practical science related activities. They will need a **packed lunch and wear suitable clothes for walking.**

In House Harry Potter Set Making – The Design and Innovation team are hosting a Harry Potter set making day. We have a volunteer working in set design to speak to students about working in this industry.

Friday 19th July will be a fun experience day. Details of trips and activities for this day are being finalised and you will receive details of these shortly.

We aim to deliver a balance of good quality educational experiences and affordability for families. We are giving plenty of advance notice so that we can secure the lowest prices by booking ahead for transport and visits, to support families by providing plenty of time to make their voluntary contributions and so we can fully support those families in receipt of free school meals. However, if the recommended voluntary contributions do not cover the costs of the planned trips, then they will be unable to go ahead as planned and alternative arrangements will be made.

The voluntary contribution for your child for all visits from Monday to Thursday of this week will be £38. This will be available to pay on ParentPay* from 17th April and no later than 13th May.

If you require financial support with these trips, please contact starkiek@qegs.email. Any other queries please direct to your child's Head of Year robinsona@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

We look forward to a fun packed, educational week of Personal Development. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Kate Morgan

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**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.*