



17th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 8 student

Personal Development Week 2024 15th to 19th July – Year 8

For the final week of the summer term (15th 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	Cadbury World	Chatsworth House	Business Ethics – In House	Blists Hill
Cokayne	Blists Hill	Cadbury World	Chatsworth House	Business Ethics – In House
Hull	Business Ethics – In House	Blists Hill	Cadbury World	Chatsworth House
Spalden	Chatsworth House	Business Ethics – In House	Blists Hill	Cadbury World

Cadbury World – Students will experience a tour of the factory and exhibits as well as a workshop on marketing in the confectionary industry.

Blists Hill - It is a living museum where the students will be sent back in time to the Victorian times with a town designed of the era. Students will be able to see and experience how the normal person would have lived during Victoria's reign and experience old fashioned food, like fish and chips and sweets (cash will be needed). The students have been studying the Industrial Revolution in Year 8 so this trip will support the curriculum.

Chatsworth - Students will have the opportunity to view the permanent collections held at Chatsworth, as well as the extensive grounds which have been designed and cultivated over hundreds of years. Students will get the opportunity to take part in either a sculpture or printmaking workshop (TBC). Art workshops include an interactive talk and practical art-making activities; sessions are designed to enhance visual literacy and develop technical and creative skills.

Ethics – An in house session on ethics in business.

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 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 **£58**. This will be available to pay on ParentPay* from 17th April and no later than 13th May.

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

Careers & Vocational Studies Lead

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