

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: Development Days**

Please be advised that next week, Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June Years 7-9 will be following an alternative timetable:

	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Inter-house sport	Development Day	Examination Day
<b>Year 8</b>	Examination Day	Inter-house sport	Development Day
<b>Year 9</b>	Development Day	Examination Day	Inter-house sport

## **Core Examinations**

All students in Years 7-9 will complete formal examinations in English, Maths and Science over the course of one day. These will be held in the exam hall and will give students the opportunity to show all they have learnt this year. The process also gives a flavour of what public examinations are like in Year 11, and we intentionally train students in the routines so they become second nature. Staff have been preparing their classes for these examinations, and you will doubtless have seen the revision going on at home. On the examination days students will finish school at 3.30pm, although Homework Club will run as usual until 6pm.

## **Development Days**

The Development Days will be different for each year group:-

**Year 7** will commence their day with a health talk from the School Nurse Team. For the rest of the day they will be concentrating on developing their 'Enterprise' skills and we have a great external company, 'Enabling Enterprise' who will be working with the students and their tutors.

**Year 8** will have a variety of sessions including developing their memory and study skills with some dynamic young adults from the external company 'Elevate', learning some essential first aid skills, a taster session delivered by the wonderful local charity Fun 4 Young People, Relationship and Sex Education from the School Nurse Team and a session delivered by Richard Denton (Children and Young People Development Officer & Schools Co-ordinator) about some aspects of the law.

**Year 9** will also start their day with a health talk from the School Nurse Team and then spend the rest of the day exploring and considering all the character traits that have featured throughout our 'Themes of the Fortnight' programme this year. They will be working towards presentations and a competition which will produce a winning group by the end of the day.

## **Inter-house sports day**

This will take place at Kings Oak Primary School and will involve all students in the year group who will represent their houses in sports such as rounders, cricket, softball and tennis. The students will be at Kings Oak Primary School for the whole day and will return to school in time to leave at the slightly earlier time of 3:30pm. As students will be out all day they are allowed to arrive to school



in their PE kit. Students will be escorted to and from Kings Oak Primary School. In the spirit of the interhouse competition, students are allowed to wear a t-shirt/top, suitable for sport, in their house colours; (Cardington – Blue, Ampthill – Green, Kempston – Red and London – Orange), this is not compulsory, bibs will be provided if necessary. Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the day and a suitable drink, not an energy drink or a fizzy drink. We would recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen and at least one extra bottle of water. Students will need to ensure they carry any medication they usually require; inhalers, epi pens etc.

As always, we expect the highest standard of behaviour from all students for all of these days.

Yours Sincerely

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