

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Development Days

We are excited to remind you that next week, Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June Years 7-9 will be following an alternative timetable:

	Monday 26th June	Tuesday 27th June	Wednesday 28th June	Thursday 29th June
Year 7	Examination Day	Enterprise Day	Inter-house	Normal lessons
Year 8	Inter-house	Examination Day	English Development	Normal lessons
Year 9	English Development	Inter-house	Examination Day	Exams p1&2 and 3&4 then normal lessons

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 their examination days year 7 & 8 students will finish school at 3.30pm and year 9 will finish at 4.00pm. Homework Club will run as usual until 6pm.

Development Days

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

Year 7 Students 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. They will work in groups on developing their own 'Moon Base', including building the final model out of recycled cardboard and plastic, so please send in any suitable recycling you may have at home.

Year 8 & 9 Students will commence their day looking at British literary milestones. This insight into literary heritage will lead them on nicely to the day ahead where they shall be exploring writers (with a particular emphasis on Bedfordian John Bunyan), partaking in a Shakespeare recital competition and inter-house quiz; being led in a practical workshop by internationally recognised guest speakers from Bedford Young Theatre company. Students will finish the day with Explore Learning practitioners, year 8 will be looking at script work and how they can develop their drama skills and year 9 will be looking at their debating skills and how to use these successfully.

Inter-house sports day

Please refer to the previous letter sent home last week from Mr Cox regarding full details for the inter-house sports day. Can we please reiterate again the need for students to bring plenty of water, a hat and sunscreen as necessary according to the weather. If your son/daughter chooses to wear their house colours, this should be a t-shirt, (i.e. no vests or 'strappy tops').

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

Yours Sincerely

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