



FFO/ELO

19th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Development Days

We are excited to remind you that next week, Monday 25th to Thursday 28th June Years 7-9 will be following an alternative timetable:

	Monday 25th June	Tuesday 26th June	Wednesday 27th June	Thursday 28th June	Friday 29th June
Year 7	Examination Day	Finance, Team building and SRE	Enterprise Day	Inter-house	Normal lessons
Year 8	Finance, Team building and SRE	Examination Day	Inter-house	Art trip or in school	Normal lessons
Year 9	Finance, Team building and SRE	Art trip or in school	Examination Day	Examination Day	Normal lessons

Core Examinations

All students in Years 7-9 will complete formal examinations in English, Maths and Science over the course of the week. 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.

	Mon 25 th (Year 7)	Tues 26 th (Year 8)	Wed 27 th (Year 9)	Thurs 28 th (Year 9)
MM				
1		English	English	English Paper 1
2				English Paper 2
Break				
3		Maths	Maths	Maths Paper 1
4				Maths Paper 2
Lunch				
5		Science	Science	Science Paper 1
6				Science Paper 2
Prep				



Enterprise day

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 (though please ensure anything sent in has been rinsed first).

Art trip

Mrs Burbridge has worked incredibly hard at organising and securing two incredible art trips for our students. Year 9 will be going to visit the National Gallery and Year 8 the National Portrait Gallery. These trips will provide an opportunity for our students to see some of the most important works of portraiture and art in the country.

As outlined in her separate letter, students will need to bring a packed lunch, their drawing equipment and something to lean on. Students will leave school at 8.30am and will return at approximately 5.00pm. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform on this trip, they will also need to ensure they have their planners and achievement cards.

We expect all Year 8 and 9 students who are not joining the trips to be in school as normal.

Finance, team building and sex and relationship education (SRE)

In liaison with our students, we have tailored these days to deliver some things they have told us they would love to learn which are not taught in their normal curriculum time. The team building will become a competitive inter house challenge. The finance session will be providing students with different activities to help them think about money matters or management (e.g. savings, credit v debit, where a salary goes etc.). The SRE sessions will provide students with guidance of sex and relationship education (again, following input from students as to what they would like to know).

Inter-house sports day

Our inter-house sports day will be held at Kings Oak Primary School. It will involve every student in the year group, where they will represent their houses in a number of sports such as rounders, cricket and softball. Students will be escorted to and from Kings Oak Primary School and will be there for the whole day. They will return to school in time to leave at normal school time of 4pm.

As students will be out all day, they will need to arrive to school in their **FULL PE kit**.

Students will need to provide a packed lunch for the day and **a suitable drink** (not an energy drink or a fizzy drink – these will be confiscated). There will be a packed lunch provided for any student who normally has free school meals. Students will need to bring sunscreen and we recommend an extra bottle of water and a hat, as they will be outside all day.

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. Any student not living up to our normal standards will be returned to school and parents/carers will be contacted.

If you have any questions about this specifically, please feel free to contact Mr. Cox our Head of PE on:
mcox@bedfordfreeschool.co.uk

As always, we expect the highest standard of behaviour from all students for all of these days. The timetable may be slightly different, but our high expectations towards attendance, punctuality and effort will be the same. Any student who is unable to attend for any reason will need to provide medical evidence for any absence. Corrections will still run each day after school and homework club will remain open as usual.

Yours sincerely,



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