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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Enrichment Days 2019-20

Throughout the academic year at King's, there are four *Enrichment Days* on which the whole school is off timetable, participating in special events in school and educational visits. Students and teachers engage in activities that it would be impossible to fit into a normal school day. Students can look forward to an exciting programme that requires them to use and develop their existing skills as well as learn new ones.

This year, we are asking that students select the activities they would like to take part in on each day in advance via a google form. This is accessible by clicking [here](#). This is also available on the [website](#).

Students will select preferences for the four Enrichment Days for the whole year, and any costs will then be payable in instalments across the year. **The online form must be completed by Friday 25th October.** You will receive provisional allocations by the end of the week following half term.

Our Enrichment Days will be running on the following days this academic year:

Friday 13th December 2019
Monday 30th March 2020
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July 2020

Below are the descriptions for the **Year 9** Enrichment Activities for the coming year. The approximate costs are voluntary contributions, however if we are unable to cover the cost of the visit/activity we will be unable to run the trip, and any payments already made will be refunded.

Please note that if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, or other funding, a reduced parental contribution is available for all curriculum activities if your child is FSM eligible.

Please also note that the costs on these trips are provisional, and may alter due to transport costs and ticket prices. Prices shown are always set to reflect the costs incurred by the school to provide events/activities

As some of the visits have limited numbers, we cannot guarantee your child a place automatically. We will do our best to secure all preferences but if an activity is oversubscribed we will use a lottery system to allocate activities. It is possible that your son/daughter will be allocated all of their preferences should they opt for multiple trips involving a cost; please consider this when completing the form. Please note that should there be insufficient demand for places, a trip will not go ahead.



Payment for trip

Students will be allocated places on trips, based on their preferences wherever possible, no later than November 8th, and payments will then be requested. All payments should be submitted via ParentPay. Where the total cost of all trips for your child this year exceeds £30, **a deposit of £30 must be paid by Friday 15th November 2019.**

For trips and activities running in December, any remaining balance is to be paid by **Friday 29th November 2019.**

For trips and activities running in March, any remaining balance is to be paid by **Monday 24th February 2020.**

For trips and activities running in July, any remaining balance is to be paid by **Friday 29th May 2020.**

If the total cost of the visit/s is less than £30, full payment must be made by **Friday 15th November 2019.** Please contact our finance team (finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk) if you would not be able to pay this amount in time and would require a more bespoke payment plan.

Please note that payments made before allocations are given to the students do not mean that a student is guaranteed a place on a given trip. Refunds will be given should a trip not be financially viable for the school.

Detailed instructions and student timetables for all activities will be issued nearer the time for each enrichment day.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Mia Lowney

Deputy Headteacher

Year 9 Enrichment day options- 2019-20

Friday 13th December 2019

Day 1: Career day (all students)

Throughout the course of this day, students will have presentations from a range of individuals from a variety of trades and professions. They will explore the different pathways open to them and consider options for both their future in educational and careers.

Students will be given guidance on how to access these different pathways, and begin to consider their GCSE Options, and how these may support them in their futures.

Approximate cost: N/A

What this includes: All materials required for the day.

This does not include: Lunch; the school canteen will be open as usual.

Monday 30th March 2020

Option 1: Cross-Curricular Trenches, Ypres

Students will travel to Ypres for a few days via coach during March 2020. Included in this trip is an excursion to several WW1 trenches where students will be able to immerse themselves in to the roles of soldiers fighting on the front line. Alongside this we visit dressing stations, namely the John McCrae dressing station where students will be given the opportunity to visit his grave and pay homage to the author of 'In Flanders Field'. Students will also explore Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest WW1 commonwealth cemetery which is followed by a visit to Passchendeale Museum. Our trip will end with students laying a wreath in remembrance to all lives lost in the harrowing Great War.

Approximate cost: £290 per person- Please note, this is not a curriculum visit, and as such is not eligible for FSM discount. We are able, however, to offer alternative payment plans for FSM families wishing for their child to take part.

What this includes: All activities, travel, accommodation and most food.

This does not include: Lunch and breakfast on the first day of travel; a nut-free packed lunch will be needed.

Option 2: Peace and Conflict

This is an RP day for Year 9 students. We are very lucky to have a speaker from Pax Christi coming in to lead the day. She will do a talk on the conflict between Palestine and Israel. Then conduct a workshop with peacemaking activities, and finally end the day discussing how the students themselves can become peacemakers. This links well into the RP GCSE where we cover the theme of religion and conflict. It will also help students develop the essential skills of debate, discussion and teamwork.

Donation: £2

What this includes: All materials required for the day.

This does not include: Lunch; the school canteen will be open as usual.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th July 2020

Day 1: Holocaust day (all students)

Students will spend the day at school in workshops focused on the different elements of persecution faced by minority groups in the 1930s onwards. They trace the key events in alienating and then the attempted extinction of these groups through the Nazi 'Final Solution'. Students uncover life in Nazi Germany and wider Europe under Hitler's dictatorship. The day will finish with a talk from Holocaust survivor, Dorit Oliver Wolff, a young Jewish girl forced into hiding and later captured and held in preparation for concentration camp. Students will be able to enter a Q&A with Dorit and have the opportunity to buy her memoir.

Approximate cost: £5

What this includes: All materials required for the day.

This does not include: Lunch; the school canteen will be open as usual.

Day 2, Option 1: Retreat day, Blacklands Farm

This is an important day for Year 9 when we reflect on their KS3 experience and look ahead to KS4. We start the day in school with some activities designed to aid students' reflection and planning for their forthcoming transition to the GCSE years. We then travel to Blackland Farm and participate in a range of outdoor activities which enable personal challenge and achievement and also the development of teamwork skills.

Approximate cost: £32 per person

What this includes: All activities and travel.

This does not include: Lunch; a nut-free packed lunch will be required.

Day 2, Option 2: Escape Room

A great choice for those who enjoy theatre, critical thinking and gameplay, this activity will challenge students to work in teams, solving a variety of puzzles in order to 'break out' of a room. This is a chance to spend the morning escaping from the real world in order to solve an English and Media themed Escape Room. Go on a quest with your peers in order to beat the clock and the other teams.

Having broken out of the room in the morning, students will then work in small groups, using resources to devise their own themed Escape Rooms in the afternoon. A fun and immersive day for those who enjoy challenge, competition and team-building.

Approximate cost: £3 per person

What this includes: All resources required for the day.

This does not include: Lunch; the canteen will be open as usual.