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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The gradual easing of the lockdown restrictions has meant we can think tentatively about an enrichment programme when we return from the Easter Holidays.

This letter is to give a broad outline of what we *intend* to offer and detail some principles that activity organisers and trip leaders will stick to when planning and delivering the enrichment programme over the next few months.

- 1) Any plans we make will be subject to postponement, or cancellation, if required to control the spread of Covid.
- 2) Trips will only go ahead if they can run in line with Covid restrictions
- 3) Where payment for a trip is required, we will ensure monies are due as late as possible and the payments terms, where possible, will include a refund if the trip is cancelled due to Covid restrictions. We will share the payment terms and conditions with parents.
- 4) All activities will be available to all students in the targeted year group (subject to good behaviour in school). All in-school activities are free. For an external activity where a cost is involved, financial help is available for those that may struggle to afford it.

In school activities:

Lunch enrichment clubs will resume when the staggered timetable ends, a timetable will be shared with students and parents after the Easter holidays.

Activity organisers will take advantage of the late bus on Mondays to run Music, PE and Drama activities. There may be other departments running as yet unconfirmed activities on that afternoon. Department Heads will write to you with further details nearer the time.

Currently, we have no indication of when sports fixtures against other schools can resume, however inter-house sports events will take place soon after the Easter Holidays, and a full school sports day is planned for July.

Trips before the Summer holidays:

Year 7 & 8: Mr Hockey and Mr Salvidge are looking into some outdoor activities for the last week of term, this may include a residential of one night for each year group at an outdoor activity centre. In addition to that we plan to run some local day trips with a Geography or History focus.

Years 9 & 10: Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions are planned to take place in the summer term, probably without the overnight stay, more details to follow from Ms Coote.

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Pastoral trips are also being planned for the last week of the Summer term.

Years 11 & 12: The Costa Rica trip has not yet been cancelled and our assumption is that this will still be allowed. Duke of Edinburgh's Gold expedition will take place, dates and overnight details to be confirmed by Ms Coote in the summer term.

In addition, I would like to offer an outdoor experience to the whole of year 12. We would normally attempt a three peaks challenge in July, however something more local will probably be offered with a view to preparing for climbing some Welsh mountains in late September.

Trips from September:

The outlook for residential or foreign trips is hard to predict, we are proceeding with plans for the following:

All years Ski Trip Easter 2022 – Mr Simpson will write to you shortly about this,

Current year 8 WW2 battlefields trip in November,

Current years 9-11 Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions in October,

Current Year 10 Berlin trip in October,

Current Year 11 New York cultural trip Easter 2022 and 3 peaks challenge from January 2022

Trip leaders will be writing to parents in the coming weeks with more details

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Eckersley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger Eckersley