

Dear Parent/Carer

February 2019

Humanities 2019 (Wednesday 17th July- Friday 19th July 2019)

I am delighted to be contacting all parents/carers with information regarding this year's Humanities activities. A lot of hard work has gone into planning trips that offer a wide range of opportunities for all students and they will encounter events and activities that will challenge, stimulate and educate them. Students will develop skills such as problem solving and team work in an informal setting, as well as having a great deal of fun! All students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 will be involved in a range of activities.

Based on feedback from last year from both students and staff, this year there are a number of new trips on offer, including theatre trips to see The Lion King and Matilda, museum trips, Go Ape! and opportunities to cook, flower arrange, sing, design and create in school. We have a day trip to France and due to the success of last year's trips there are more trips to the coast, including new for this year, Southend. The price range of these trips will be from £0 - £50. The BUSHCRAFT trip however will be £105 due to the fact that it includes an overnight stay.

This year, we will follow the same sign up process as last year. The sign up will take place in school. Sign up will take place on **Tuesday 5th February 2019**. All year groups will sign up during lessons. Y10 – period 1, Y9 – period 2, Y8 – period 3 and Y7 – period 4.

Students will find out straight away which trip they have been allocated and will have their trip confirmed via a paper receipt that they will bring home with them. The payment for their trip will appear on Parent Pay by **midnight on Friday 8th February 2019**. In order to secure their place, students will be expected to finalise payment for their trip using PARENTPAY by **Sunday 3rd March 2019**.

Please note that all students eligible for pupil premium; those receiving free school meals, forces families, adopted children and looked after children are expected to pay a contribution towards the cost of the trips requiring payment. This cost is clearly stated in the booklet and this must be paid by PARENTPAY.

Places for trips will be distributed fairly between ALL year groups with a capped allocation per trip per year group. As always, there is high demand for the popular trips and we are not able to guarantee your daughter her first choice. We therefore require that your daughter ranks five trips from first to fifth on the enclosed sign up form.

Events will take place over two days (Wednesday 17th July and Thursday 18th July) with a feedback session on the morning of Friday 19th July which will be a non-uniform day. These are normal school days and will form part of your daughter's attendance figures. Those who take unauthorised absence during these days, may receive a penalty notice. All students are expected to take part in **ONE** trip. Your daughter's behaviour leading up to this event may affect the activity she is allowed to participate in.

What do I need to do to do now?

- Read through the activities booklet with your daughter and rank the activities from 1 to 5.
- Have your sign up details for PARENTPAY to hand, ready for the payment stage to secure your daughters trip.
- Bring in the completed form on TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY. **Without it, your daughter cannot sign up.**

All of the information pertaining to Humanities 2019 can also be found on the School Website on: www.swakeleys.hillingdon.sch.uk/

If you have any questions regarding any of the activities outlined in the programme, please feel free to contact either of us at school.

We hope this will be an exciting and rewarding event that will enrich the learning of all students involved.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Tess Lewis and Ms Fiona Johnson
Humanities Coordinators