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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 10 Immersion Days**

At Heanor Gate School we are committed to providing an effective and enjoyable learning experience for our students. In addition to the hour long lessons, where students follow the curriculum in order to make steady progress, we are delivering 4 immersion days where more in-depth learning can occur over a longer period of time.

On an immersion day the school timetable will cease, so participating in the immersion day will take the place of attending normal lessons. No learning will be missed as normal lessons will not run; everyone in school will be participating in an immersion day where deep learning can take place in time slots that are not limited to one hour.

Key Stage 4 immersion days will give in-depth learning experiences to enhance outcomes at GCSE for all students.

Year 10 will be participating in the following activities on immersion days this year:

**Wednesday 12 October** – Oddsocks, the English team will be working with the Oddsocks theatre company to make Shakespeare come alive.

The following immersion day plans are provisional at the moment, but will give you an idea of the themes we will be offering:

**Tuesday 24 January** – Option half days, for 2 option subjects students will participate in a half day workshop.

**Thursday 4 May** – Option half days, for 2 option subjects students will participate in a half day workshop. These extended sessions may be used for controlled assessment, formal assessment or other learning activities that are better suited to longer time slots.

**Tuesday 11 July** – Environment day, students will work with the science department on a range of activities relating to the environment.

Nearer the time we will be getting in touch again with details about the activities and trips, hopefully this letter will help you with planning for the year.

Yours sincerely



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