

4 October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Y13 Immersion Day

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 four Immersion days where more in depth learning can occur over a longer period of time.

On an Immersion Day the school timetable will cease and 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 the Immersion Day.

Key Stage 5 Immersion Days will give in depth learning experiences to enhance outcomes for all students as well as providing individual advice and guidance for life after sixth form.

The first immersion day is coming up next week on Wednesday 12 October and the focus will be an Achievement Mentoring Day. Students will be allocated a 15 minute time slot with their personal tutor and this will allow for an in depth, personalised discussion to take place regarding their learning and also their plans for university, apprenticeships or employment. Whilst students only need to attend school at their allocated time slot, the silent study / resource centre is available should students wish to engage in private study at any other time in the day. I am also available throughout the day to support students applying to University with their UCAS applications.

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 – University workshops delivered via Nottingham University on student finance, budgeting, accommodation and alternative sessions on higher apprenticeship with local and national providers.
- Thursday 4 May – Subject Master class revision sessions.

Closer to 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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