

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### 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 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, 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 the immersion day where deep learning can take place in the time slots that are not limited to one hour.

Key Stage 3 immersion days will focus on Ebacc subjects as well as giving opportunities to investigate the option subjects in more depth too.

Year 7 will be participating in the following activities on immersion days this year.

**Wednesday 12 October** – Maths Day, all students will take part in problem solving activities where they will be able to apply the maths they already know and learn some more so that they can earn points for their team. The day will be outdoors (weather permitting) and some activities will be indoors.

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

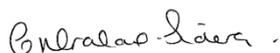
**Tuesday 24 January** – Harry Potter Day, the English team are offering a choice between a trip to Harry Potter World or on-site activities based around the Harry Potter books. The trip details will be published shortly.

**Thursday 4 May** – Science Adventure Day, the science team are offering a choice between a trip to Magna Adventure Centre or on-site activities based around the theme of science. Trip details will be published shortly.

**Tuesday 11 July** – Humanities Fieldwork Day, the humanities team will be taking the whole of Year 7 across to Shipley Park to do fieldwork linked to geography, history and religious education. There is no charge for this trip.

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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