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Dear Parent/Carer

Digital Enrichment Week 13-17 July 2020

I am delighted to share with you details of our digital enrichment week that will commence for Key Stage 3 students over the week from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July.

We place huge emphasis on the value of enrichment activities within our curriculum offer and this week would typically have been Enrichment Week. In the current climate, we have looked at how we can still offer our students the opportunity to experience opportunities that they would not normally be given, albeit in a digital format.

The sessions that will form our Digital Enrichment Week will replace the usual curriculum Google Meets for that week for Year 7 and Year 8. The only exceptions to this are the assemblies/active tutorial sessions for these Year Groups, which will remain (although there may be some changes that will be communicated via your child's form tutor). All Google Meets for Years 9, 10 and 12 will run as normal.

Activity Timetable and Information Booklet:

The timetable for the week can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TW5rpJnf426pUJunQDMrQ0KqaM8frZfQKnNnTC8yKq/edit>

Whilst most of the times and dates for the sessions have been confirmed, we are hoping to secure some external speakers on STEM subjects; the arrangements for which are yet to be finalised. These speakers have kindly offered us their time and expertise, but understandably have to work around their other commitments. There may be some additional sessions added. These will be advertised on the School's Facebook page and the Digital Enrichment Week Google Classroom. The timetable will also be updated to include these sessions. Please check this document for the most up-to-date information about specific plans for the week.

Accompanying this letter is a booklet detailing the confirmed activities on offer that gives specific information about each session to allow your child to make informed decisions regarding which sessions to attend during the week. Please note that the Google Meet code for each session is stated on the relevant information page.

Engagement expectations and signing up process:

It is expected that your child will attend a minimum of 5 sessions during that week. Please note that this is in addition to assembly/active tutorial.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



Each student must sign up for the sessions they plan to attend by completing the Google Form at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3vtWDapeCh6WPGAEkrE8nfPhPfRWS_r9HYuZLtLy_yBEJ9xg/viewform

Please note that the form can only be accessed using a School email address. This data will be used both to inform the staff running each session of which students to expect and also to help monitor attendance at each session during the week. Student engagement in the sessions during Digital Enrichment Week will be tracked and recorded based on the number of sessions that each student attends during the week. The deadline for the completing and submitting this form is 9 am on Friday 10 July.

Digital Enrichment Google Classroom – code: i5lw43g

A Digital Enrichment Week Google Classroom has been created, which will be used by staff to post resources for their sessions and to allow students to upload work if necessary. Additional sessions and any necessary changes to existing sessions will also be advertised there. The code for this Classroom is i5lw43g. All students in Year 7 and Year 8 are expected to join this classroom as soon as possible, so that they have all of the information they need for the week.

It is understood that there may be some sessions that students wish to attend, but will be unable to, for whatever reason. In order to minimise this issue, most of the sessions will be recorded and the videos posted on the Digital Enrichment Week Google Classroom. Whether or not each session will be recorded is indicated on its information page. Please note that watching recorded sessions does not count towards the minimum of 5 sessions that students are expected to attend during the week.

Competitions during the week

We will also be launching two competitions during this week: An English competition that is based upon a book review and the return of 'Buckingham's Got Talent'. Further information will be shared with you regarding these competitions in due course.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff and external speakers who have volunteered their time and energy to provide such exciting and innovative opportunities for our students. In particular, I would like to thank Lacey Townes, teacher of ICT and the School's STEM Coordinator. Not only was Digital Enrichment Week her idea, but the enthusiasm and hard work she has put into its organisation have been invaluable and the week really would not have been possible without her.

With my best wishes

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