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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 8 Students

The last couple of years have seen us all have to deepen our resilience and flexibility to deal with a lot of change and uncertainty in our lives. Nowhere has this been more obvious than in the way the education of our students has been affected. We are all so relieved that it appears we are moving into a different phase of the pandemic, one which brings less restrictions and allows for plans to be made with more certainty than uncertainty. This is the context for writing to you today.

We have decided that the week beginning 20th June, will be an Enrichment Week. We see this as an opportunity to facilitate a range of activities that have not been possible for the last few years. The aim of the week will be to enrich the educational lives of our students and create some positive memories to carry forward.

The activities are currently being finalised and a full timetable will be issued in due course. However, I am pleased to confirm that one of our intentions is to take the year group on a recreational trip to **Drayton Manor Theme Park**. This trip will take place on **Thursday 23 June 2022**. More details about the theme park can be found here: <https://www.draytonmanor.co.uk/>

We will confirm exact details closer to the time, but it is likely that the students will arrive at school for the normal 8.40am registration, travel on coaches to Drayton Manor, arriving back at school at around 5.30pm.

It is our hope that this trip will appeal to all students, however, there will be appropriate activities put on in school for students that do not wish to attend.

The cost of this recreational trip is going to be £25.85. This includes travel, insurance and entrance to the theme park and all the attractions inside the park. Students will either bring their own refreshments or purchase them separately from inside the park.

To confirm your interest in this trip, please make payment on ParentPay by Friday 10 June 2022 - payments made after this point cannot be accepted.



This visit is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding – Categories A, B & C.

In order for your son/daughter to participate, your consent is required and this must be given in ParentPay by ticking the **consent box**. By giving your consent you will:

1. Ensure that your child brings any medication needed
2. Authorise the organiser to act on your behalf in an emergency and to sign on your behalf any consent forms required by medical authorities
3. Understand and accept that your child may be withdrawn from the visit if his/her behaviour in school prior to the visit is unacceptable.
4. Understand and accept that should your child be sent home as a result of unacceptable behaviour you will reimburse any reasonable additional costs incurred by the school.

Please contact office@arden.solihull.sch.uk if you have any further questions, at this stage.

Best wishes

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