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Dear Parent/Carer

Yr 12 Self-Programme Days

I previously wrote to you in late February to outline the arrangements for Year 12 students during the final week of the academic year. In this letter I explained how students are to undertake four self-programme days of Monday 15th – Thursday 18th July. Year 12 students then return to school on Friday 19th July for the final day of the academic year. These days are a chance for students to undertake activities which benefit their studies, their university application or their chosen career route. The activities undertaken on these days should support students in writing their personal statements for university applications and demonstrate the genuine interest which students have in a subject or a potential career path.

During these days students might:

- Undertake work experience or work shadowing,
- Visit places of interest relating to the subjects they are undertaking (e.g. Art students visiting art galleries, Historians visiting museums.
- Voluntary work.
- Visit a university town.
- Visit local places of interest that you may not have taken an interest in before (e.g. Berkhamsted Castle, Tring Museum, Ashridge, St Albans Abbey).
- Watch a play.

Any student who is unable to find suitable activities for their self-programme days may stay in school and assist in the delivery of activities to lower school students during Activities week, however this should be viewed as a last resort once all other avenues have been explored.

All Year 12 students must complete the attached form and return it to Mrs Cooper in the Sixth Form Office by Monday 1st July. If a student is attending a school trip (e.g. Rome trip, D of E) please indicate this on the form and return to Mrs Cooper as described. Any student who has not returned a form on this date will be expected in school as normal during the final week of the school year.



Mr P Bryson
Head of Year 12