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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 - Focus Week

I am very excited to offer your child the opportunity to be part of Focus Week 2019. During this event the timetable will be suspended for **all** students in Year 7 to Year 9 and they will be taking part in a variety of projects to develop character as part of enrichment activities.

During the event the year group will be split into three groups. The first group are attending a residential trip to 'PGL' from Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July. You will already be aware if your child has a place on this trip. If they are on the trip then they will not be taking part in the other focus week activities. The rest of the year group will either be in group A or group B. Both groups will be taking part in the same projects over the whole week, but on different days, the groups will be decided closer to the event.

Group	Monday 8th July	Tuesday 9th July	Wednesday 10th July	Thursday 11th July	Friday 12th July
A	Visit to Willen Lake	Visit to Imperial War Museum	Triathlon, School based project	The Great Colet Challenge, school based project	Enterprise Challenge, School based project
B		The Great Colet Challenge, school based project		Visit to Imperial War Museum	

Please find below more information about each of the visits and the school based projects. Please note that your child may still sign up to the Willen Lake Trip. The final date for the completion of all consent forms and trip payments is **Friday 8th March 2019** in order for us to confirm all of the bookings/coaches.

I am very much looking forward to the event and hope that your child makes the most of all opportunities presented through the week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P. Norris

Assistant Headteacher

Focus Week School Based Projects

As part of focus week your child will be taking part in a series of school based projects.

The school based projects will run over normal school hours (8.30am -2.55pm Monday, Wednesday to Friday and 8.30am - 2.00pm on Tuesday). Your child will be expected to be in normal school uniform, apart from Wednesday 10th July when they will be participating in a triathlon, and as such may wear their PE kit in school for the day. The canteen will be open as usual so they may either bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch as usual. They will need to bring their normal equipment such as pencil case, calculator etc. but will not need their subject exercise books. They may find it useful to have felt tip pens and coloured pencils with them.

For the Triathlon project on Wednesday 10th July we will be giving your child the opportunity to swim so they will need their swimming kit. We will also be asking teams of students to bring in bicycles so they can complete the cycling part of the triathlon. All bicycles will be kept securely on the school site and we are not expecting all students to bring a bicycle, so please do not be concerned if your child is not able to get a bicycle to school. They should ensure they bring a refillable water bottle to avoid dehydration and, depending on the weather conditions may need sun cream and a sun hat.

During The Great Colet Challenge your child will have the opportunity to work in a team to produce items in food, textiles, product design or art; they will be given more information ahead of the event.

Your child will be told exactly where to go for the start of each project closer to the week itself.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P. Norris
Assistant Headteacher