



Backwell School

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A National Teaching School

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Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Enrichment Opportunities at Backwell School

Backwell School is ambitious when encouraging students to thrive, enjoy learning new skills and achieve the best that they can. The Enrichment Team endeavour to offer all students opportunities where they can put this into practice when taking part in the stimulating range of trips and activities available during Enrichment Week and in the clubs and courses in school. We offer a broad range of activities each year to enhance learning and student experiences, which raises levels of self-esteem amongst our students. Enrichment opportunities play an important role in exposing our students to diverse groups and this in turn helps promote socially intelligent and responsible adults.

Enrichment Week 2020

During the Summer Term, the normal school timetable is suspended and students take part in a variety of residential trips, both in the UK and Europe, as well as school based activities or days out. Enrichment Week 2020 will take place from Monday 15 to Friday 20 June 2020.

During this week Year 7 are offered the choice of UK based residential trips at exciting venues, a Fishing Week, which involves five daily excursions from school, and Base Backwell; a fun curriculum-based week of activities based in school or day trips.

The students will have an assembly in school, outlining the details of each opportunity. They will also bring home an Enrichment Week booklet within the coming weeks to share with you (also available on the school website). Students will be asked to select three choices. Places *are not allocated* on a "first come, first served" basis, however it is important to note that time deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

When your child is offered a place on a trip or activity, you will be required to pay an initial deposit to secure the place. Enrichment Week involves us working with outside providers and therefore we must work to set deadlines. Deposits are normally in the region of £90 and can be paid over two instalments. Deposits can be paid using ParentPay, alternatively you can telephone the Finance department to request a PayPoint letter.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding you are eligible for financial assistance towards Enrichment Week trips. Please note that financial assistance cannot be used to pay for deposits.

Clubs and Courses

At Backwell School we pride ourselves on the quality and variety of lunchtime and after school clubs and courses that we offer. In the coming weeks students will be given a booklet containing the vast array of clubs and courses on offer and how to book them.

Places on clubs and courses *with* a cost involved are booked via Parent Pay on a first come first served basis. *Please note, clubs are well attended and a quick response may be needed in order to secure a place.*

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding students are able to come into the Student Services office to book a place on a club.

We would encourage all students to take advantage of these extracurricular activities both during Enrichment Week and throughout the year. We are offering them opportunities to learn new skills make new friends and build confidence but also become very much part of the rich and exciting life that is Backwell School.

If you have any questions please contact the Enrichment Team at school.

Yours sincerely

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