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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Golden Day: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

It is an annual tradition at Sandy Secondary School that we provide students with the opportunity to take part in a 'Golden Day' at the end of the autumn term. This is intended to celebrate and reward the hard work and perseverance shown by our students in their pursuit of academic excellence. To be eligible for the Golden Day, students must have acquired no more than 20 behaviour points between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and their attendance must be at least 96% (unless there is an exceptional circumstance that we are aware of).

The Golden Day will consist of a range of different experiences and students are asked to make a choice over what activity they would like to participate in. We are intending to offer a range of options that will be communicated with you from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Many of these activities will not cost anything, as we are conscious that finances can be tight at this time of year. Should you wish your child to attend one of the external visits on offer, we do ask that you pay for it in advance using ParentPay. This would also be the case for some internal activities where there is a cost, as we may need to provide specialist equipment or materials.

Should your child fail to meet the expectations outlined above, and you have already paid to attend a visit or internal activity, then you will be refunded for that amount. Your child will then be expected to remain in school where they will be taught a combination of Maths, English and Science.

#### **The options students can choose are:**

##### **Internal Options:**

Please note that these options are subject to change and will be confirmed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Students will have to select **ONE** choice:

- **Craft Experience:** There will be a Christmas theme to this, with students making some festive arts and crafts. There is a small cost of £5.00 towards materials.
- **Technology Experience:** This will include a mixture of cooking and wood/metal work. There is a small cost of £5.00 towards materials.
- **Sports Experience:** Students will be able to choose between a mixture of different sporting activities. There is no cost for this experience.

- **Art Experience:** Students will work using a range of materials to create different art pieces. There is a small cost of £5.00 towards materials.
- **Performing Arts Experience:** Students will work within the Performing Arts department on a range of mediums- Drama, Dance and Music. There is no cost for this experience.
- **Christmas Baking Experience:** Students will have the opportunity to cook and bake a range of festive treats. There is a small cost of £5.00 towards materials.

**External Options:**

None of these options will cost more than £40. The exact cost and details of what will be available will be confirmed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

- **Ice Skating and Shopping in Milton Keynes:** the cost of this trip includes insurance, ice skate hire, ice skating for 2 hours and transport to and from the venues. Students can bring either a packed lunch or money to buy lunch and go shopping.
- **Gravity and Shopping in Milton Keynes:** the cost of this trip includes insurance, 2 hours in Gravity (trampolining), specialist socks, refreshments and transport to and from the venue. Students can bring either a packed lunch or money to buy lunch and go shopping.
- **Pantomime at MK Theatre [*Jack in the Beanstalk*] and Shopping in Milton Keynes:** the cost of this visit includes a performance of *Jack in the Beanstalk* and an ice cream at MK Theatre.

Due to the high number of students who could potentially meet our reward threshold, we will allocate students on each visit as forms are returned, on a first-come, first-served basis. A letter containing the arrangements for each visit will be sent out nearer the date when we have final numbers. If you would like your child to attend one of the external visits, or take part in one of the in-school activities, then please do look out for the letter that will be sent after half term with the precise details.

Students who choose not to participate in the external visits, or attend one of the internal activities for which there is a charge, will be able to join one of our in-school enrichment activities at no-cost closer to the time.

If you have any questions or queries about the rewards scheme or the practicalities of the visits, please use the [parentcontact@sandysecondaryschool.com](mailto:parentcontact@sandysecondaryschool.com) email.

We are hoping the majority of the school will be involved in the Golden Day and see this as not only a reward for students doing as expected, but an opportunity for them to experience new things and to work with the staff in many different environments. I very much hope you will encourage your child to continue to meet our expectations in order that they can take part in the Golden Day activity of their choice.

Yours faithfully



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