



2 July 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Sports Day, Year 7 Sports and STEAM Day and Year 12 Future Pathways 2024 – 8 July 2024

Year 7

Students will be on the school site and will be taking part in a Sports and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Day. The coaching company, uSports, will come in a spend half the day doing sports that students do not always get the opportunity to try out (e.g., Ultimate Frisbee, Lacrosse, Danish Longball and Quidditch). During the sport sessions they will be focussing on team skills and working together to achieve common goals. Students will be spending a large part of the day outside if the weather permits, we ask that for this day they wear their school PE kit (they are welcome to bring a spare top to change into after the sports session) and bring sunscreen, hat and plenty of water. The STEAM sessions, which will be partly hosted by partners from local businesses, will include a variety of interactive activities that will allow students to explore potential career pathways, for which there is a current skills gap in the Berkshire and Thames Valley area. There will also be a session put on by **Bringing in Resilience in Young Minds**, providing mental health awareness and support to aid our students to care for themselves from a mental health perspective, <https://www.briym.co.uk/>. The Year 7 Day will finish in line with the rest of the students at **2.30pm**.

Year 7 students also will participate in a sports day event also on the school site on Friday 19 July.

Year 8, 9 & 10

Sports Day is taking place at Palmer Park Stadium on this date. We are excited about returning to this venue for sports day as it provides the competitors with a top-class track and field arena, which can only enhance their performance. All students in these year groups are expected to attend all day as spectators or participants and their attendance will be recorded.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should make their own way to the stadium, instead of coming to school. All students should be dressed in either full school uniform, school PE kit (essential if they are competing) or they can wear house colours. Competitors will have time to perform suitable warm up exercises. All students should bring a **packed lunch and plenty to drink, a tracksuit (or other suitable warm clothing) as well as wet weather clothing**. We would also recommend **sunscreen and a hat** to protect them from the sun. There is nowhere to purchase food on the site.

The arrangements for the day, are as follows:

- 9.15 am** **Competitors should arrive at the stadium.**
- 9.30am** **Years 8, 9 and 10 register inside the stadium.**
- 2.30pm** **Finish. Students make their own way home from the stadium.**



We will use the medical information and emergency contact details that you have provided for us.

Please be aware that the car park at Palmer Park stadium can get very congested; therefore, please allow plenty of time to enter or exit the car park or arrange lifts from nearby.

If Sports Day has to be cancelled due to a circumstance outside of the school's control, for example inclement weather, please check on the school website for updates. If Sports Day does have to be cancelled, students should report to school at the normal time with the appropriate books and equipment for a normal school day. They should, however, bring their packed lunch as the school canteen will be closed to them.

Year 12

Students will participate in a Future Pathways Day consisting of a range of activities looking at options post sixth form and where they can find further information. This will take place on school site.

The school canteen will be open for Years 7 and 12 students as usual and they will be given their timetable during tutor.

We hope that all year groups will have an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson
Headteacher

