

6th October 2023

Dear parent/carers,

We are really excited to be able to share details of the ERA day coming up on Friday 13th October when Year 11 will be participating in a day full of engaging and important activities as they embark on the final stage of their KS4 journey.

The aim of our ERA days is to help students develop the values of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration. This year, Year 11s will be undertaking a range of activities designed to build physical, mental and emotional skills as well as keep them safe, preparing them for the challenges of the months ahead as the GCSE exams approach in the summer.

Students will wear normal school uniform on this day. We encourage everyone to wear trousers as they will be given the opportunity to enjoy the physical activity. Any students who normally wear skirts can wear PE shorts or plain black leggings underneath the skirt for this session.

The Year 11 tutor team will be delivering and supporting a range of sessions as well as welcoming in performers, facilitators and experts from a range of backgrounds. These include:

- An employability workshop will train students in skills including communication, teamwork and problem solving, preparing them for the world of work and further study. This will be complimented by a session on CV writing by Mrs Pitcher our careers lead.
- Ian Doherty, our careers advisor will be giving crucial advice on all available Post-16 next steps and helping our students explore all the options available, raising aspirations in the world of sixth form, college or work
- The Dreadlock Alien team are returning to Montsaye Academy to perform their own poetry and lead a series of workshops to encourage creativity and provide important GCSE English revision.
- A mobile activity company are bringing back their hugely popular last person standing activity for our students to put themselves to the test and see how resilient they can be, all the while cheering each other on.
- A study skills session will provide top tips for approaching the upcoming mocks including key information about metacognition and growth mindset.
- A session on internet safety and healthy relationships will remind students of key safety messages.
- Moulton College will be visiting and sharing information about their range of courses.

We look forward to delivering an informative, engaging day for the year 11 students. If you have any queries about any aspects of the day, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr Roberts (Year 11 Progress Leader)