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Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday 17th January, Year 7s will be participating in their first ever Montsaye ERA Day. They will be in normal school uniform on this day.

Our ERA days are unique to Montsaye and help students develop the skills of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration. This time, Year 7s will be undertaking a range of activities designed to build creative, mental, social and emotional skills and prepare them for the varied challenges they face as they grow into adult members of their community. The forms will spend most, or all of the day with their tutor, building a deeper relationship with this key member of staff, as well as creating closer friendships within their form group.

A key element of the day will be a performance of 'Hope' followed by an interactive workshop delivered by the Takeaway Theatre Company. This performance is a contemporary and powerful production that combines music and drama. It tells the story of three young people who are all affected by bullying in different ways. As a part of the workshop, students will be made aware of strategies and support available to them both at Montsaye and beyond.

In addition, students will also experience a range of activities. These include: Taskmaster team building activities with our Head of Drama, Mr Shea, developing communication and creativity; an e-safety workshop helping Year 7 navigate the internet safely; a crucial session on how to perform first aid skills including life-saving CPR (led by our CCF unit); anti-bullying training in how to be an upstander and a craft activity promoting respect and friendship.

Our ERA days are always days to remember and are an important part of our students' development into adulthood. We are really looking forward to delivering an informative, happy day for the year 7 students.

We thank you for your support so far this year. Do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Lopes, SMSC Lead and Mrs Edney, Year 7 Progress Leader

