



10th October 2022

Dear parent/carers,

Year 11 Era Day

We are really excited to be able to share details of the ERA day coming up on Friday 14th 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. Having missed out on a few events and ERA days due to covid 19, Miss Pickering and I really wanted to give Year 11 the day they deserve and give them as many useful talks, workshops and activities as we could.

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.

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:

- life skills from Wize Up, which will develop future resilience and raise aspirations in the world of sixth form, college or work
- Ian Doherty, our careers advisor will be giving crucial advice on those Post-16 next steps and helping our students explore all the options available
- a professional actor will be taking on the role of Macbeth, performing key scenes and then conducting a hot seat activity to provide important GCSE English revision
- Stand Against Violence are visiting us again to share real life case studies and give important messages about staying safe
- Loudmouth Productions are visiting with a performance and workshop 'Calling it Out' which explores healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to stay safe, a session complemented by the powerful tutor led session, Kayleigh's story
- the mobile climbing company are bringing back their hugely popular 4 sided climbing wall for our students to put themselves to the test and see the school from a totally new perspective, all the while cheering each other on.

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

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,



Emma Lopes (SMSC lead) and Hannah Pickering (Year 11 Progress Leader)