

16th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 ERA Day

On Friday 18th March Year 9 will be participating in their first Montsaye ERA Day of the academic year.

Key information

- The day starts at 8.40am and ends at 3.00pm as usual.
- Students will be in normal school uniform on this day.
- Bring a pencil case, lunch, bus pass etc as usual. No need for exercise books or DEAR book.

We are proud of our unique ERA days which support students' development of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration. It is important to us, now more than ever, that we are preparing our students for the varied challenges they face. The forms will begin and end 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.

There will be a couple of opportunities on the day to reflect further on the GCSE options process. Our school careers adviser Ian Doherty is on hand and students will get to delve further into the range of subjects they have been looking into in the GCSE taster sessions.

Our key note speaker on communication and healthy relationships is from *Hope not Hate*. We are really looking forward to their talk and workshop as building positive relationships within the year groups is an important aim which has been highlighted by our student voice ambassadors.

In addition, Year 9's will be undertaking a range of activities designed to build emotional resilience, tools for wellbeing, career aspirations and the skills needed to work together as a team. Promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of our students' overall education, so students will also learn some practical techniques for improving wellbeing, as well as getting competitive and having lots of fun in a physical form challenge. There will be a reflection Q and A task, and a PSHE workshop which develops the themes of the *Hope not Hate* interactive lecture.

We are also lucky to be marking science week with an interactive assembly at the start of the day and some brilliant sessions from the *Medical Mavericks* which all forms will get to enjoy.

Our ERA days are always days to remember and are an important part of our students' development into adulthood. We look forward to delivering an informative, engaging day for the Year 9 students.

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

Yours sincerely,



Emma Lopes, Strategic Lead for SMSC



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