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Principal

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Dear Parents

On Wednesday 23rd November, we will be having our first Curriculum Day of 2016. Years 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to take part in STEM or PE activities. The purpose of the day is for students to immerse themselves in one activity and do something that our regular curriculum does not include. It also offers an opportunity for students to work in mixed age groupings and also for us to host outside organisations and visit sites of interest. I hope that you will encourage your child to select activities that they will find challenging and to embrace the chance to do something different.

We have organised a range of activities, some on the school site and will follow the regular school day unless otherwise stated. The timings of the activities that are taking place off the school site are explained by the activity. Some of these activities have a cost involved which covers transport, specialist teachers, or extra materials that would not normally be used in school. An estimated price is indicated but the precise cost will be indicated on the next letter.

We ask students to select **three** activities and put them in preference order. We will try to allocate each child one of their choices, however, it is possible that not all activities will run, particularly if there is not enough student interest to make it viable. If your child does not return this initial form, nor have 3 choices selected – they will be allocated activities in which there is space.

At this point we ask parents to make no payment, but when choices have been allocated, a letter outlining payment details will be issued.

Fusion Challenge – this is a day of two parts. The first involves you preparing and tasting Asian foods from the Far East. The second involves The Puzzle Company who bring a series of problem solving activities that build to logic puzzles where you will work in small teams to solve things that you didn't think possible. This is based in school and has a cost of £10.00. **(YEAR 7 only - 60 spaces)**

Science Museum – this day involves traveling to London by coach to the Science Museum. You will tour the museum with a fact file to complete encouraging you to interact with the exhibits and develop your science curiosity! The coaches will leave school at 9am and return at 4pm. This has an approximate cost of £15.00. **(YEAR 7, 8 and 9 – 120 spaces in total)**

Team Challenge– this day involves a lot of activity! You will compete in small teams to top league across a variety of sports and physical challenges. This has no cost and takes place on the school site both inside and out. **(YEAR 7, 8, and 9 – 50 spaces in total)**

Sinking Rafts and stretching snakes - this day involves two problem solving activities. You will work in small groups and practice skills of design, making and testing. This based in school and has a cost of £1.00. **(YEAR 7 and 8– 40 spaces in total)**

Afternoon Tea – this day will include hosting an afternoon tea party with Senior Citizens from the local community. You will get the opportunity to prepare the location for the tea party, make cake and tea to be served and then serve and host the tea party and of course clear up! This is based in school and has a cost of £2.50. **(YEAR 9 only - 15 spaces)**

Dissection skills – you will work in the Science Department to learn how to dissect a rat. This will be modelled by a teacher and involve some hands on experience. This has a cost of £6.00.

(YEAR 8 and 9 – 20 spaces)

Candle Craft and Project Runway – learn to make your own candles and also design your own fashion and then make it in newspaper. All students will do both activities. This is based in school and has a cost of £3.50 and it would be helpful if you could bring old newspapers and a small jam-jar!

(YEAR 8 and 9 – 40 spaces)

Introduction to Construction – this will offer the opportunity to learn some basic construction skills. You will travel to Royston Build Train by minibus and return to school at the end of the school day in time for the buses. This has a cost of £ 10.00.

(Year 8 and 9 – 15 spaces)

Please complete the reply slip overleaf and hand to reception. Places will be allocated on Tuesday after school. Any child who has not returned their reply slip by this dates will be allocated an activity that has space. Letters informing you of child's allocation will be issued on Wednesday 16th November.

Yours faithfully



Ms Vanessa Larkins
Deputy Principal

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REPLY SLIP – to RECEPTION by **TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER**

STEM CURRICULUM DAY

Name of Student: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____

Tutor Group: _____

	ACTIVITY
1 st choice	
2 nd choice	
3 rd Choice	

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____