

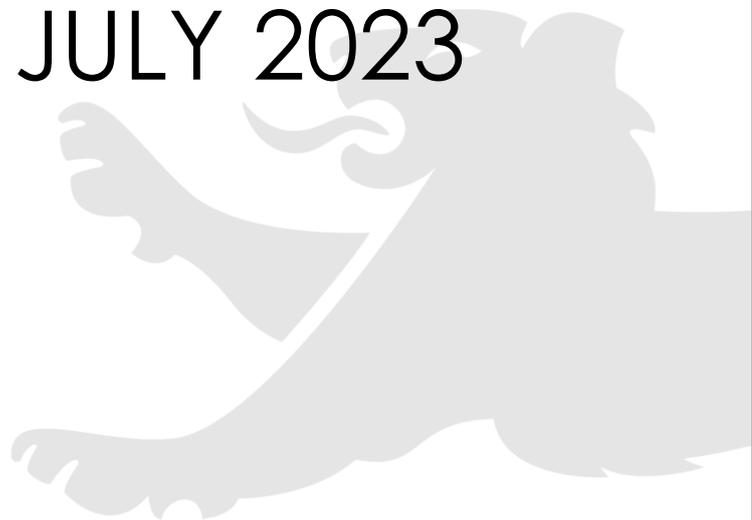


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FINIS CORONAT OPUS

WIDER LEARNING WEEK

YEAR 9

10-14 JULY 2023



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Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about Wider Learning Week (WLW), which will take place from **Monday 10 to Friday 14 July**. This week is an opportunity for students to participate in a pathway of personal interest, to develop their key skills, and to engage in wider learning.

In putting the programme together, we have tried to ensure a range of activities, at a range of costs. Some of the activities are free, and, where there is a charge, we have tried to minimise it. All costs will be confirmed once group sizes are known - the maximum number of students for each activity is listed as "Max No".

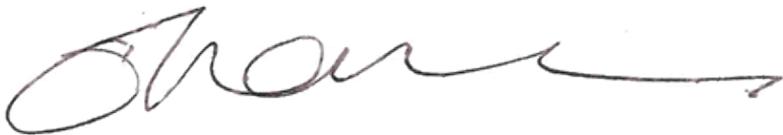
Your son/ward will be **engaged on the same pathway for all five days**. Therefore, it is important that he is careful and serious about his choices. Please take the time to look through the activities overleaf with your son/ward. Descriptions are intended as a guide, as activities may change depending on group size.

The final page of this booklet details what students need to do after making their choice. If any pathway is over-subscribed, we will look at students' Attitude to Learning in that curriculum area, as well as, in some cases, asking students to write a short application expressing why they should be chosen.

Please note that if students wish to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award, they must select this as their first-choice activity.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Miss O Thomson
WLW Coordinator

Pathways

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award (DofE)

Location: On/off-site

Max no.: TBC

Cost: £115



The Award is a challenging programme of activities that helps young people to learn new skills, help others and experience adventure. It is highly thought of by many organisations such as employers and universities. To achieve the award, students must complete four sections - volunteering, skills, physical recreation, and expedition. Wider Learning Week will involve preparation, the final expedition, and the final presentation. It will consist of a combination of practical and theory sessions aimed at giving you the best chance to pass the expedition section of the bronze award. The cost is inclusive of all food, campsite fees and a compulsory £24 registration fee payable directly to the DofE scheme.

It is important to note that if you want to do DofE, you MUST choose this option to complete the Bronze award.

Computing



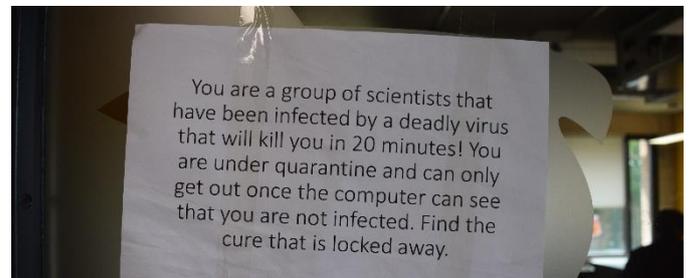
Location: On/off-site

Max no.: 20

Cost: £40

You will visit and take part in several technology-based activities and trips. You will have the opportunity to speak with experts in the computing field. This week will give you an understanding of how IT is used in industries and business as well as developing their passion for computing.

Codebreaking



Location: On/off-site

Max no.: 16

Cost: £40

Learn about the development of making and breaking codes over the course of history right up to modern day. It will include an Escape Room experience and a day looking at the history of codebreaking. We will then spend time in school designing our own escape room and seeing who can get out!

Pathways

Eco Week



Location: On/off-site
Max no.: 20
Cost: £10

Have an interest in how we can be more environmentally sustainable? Students will explore the historical growth of the school and consider how we could move into a new sustainable era. Learn about biodiversity, environmental sustainability and future environmentally friendly design.

Immersive Theatre



Location: On-site
Max no.: 20
Cost: Free

Experience drama in a whole new way with an immersive drama experience. In this pathway, you will create an alternative world within Isleworth & Syon culminating in a “choose your own adventure”. At the end of the week, an invited audience will experience your world and make choices about how the story ends.

Investigating the Human Body

Location: On/off-site
Max no.: 20
Cost: £10

You will learn how the human body functions and what happens when your health fails. Learn about the jobs of different healthcare professionals and take part in hands-on activities such as: taking and sampling blood (phlebotomist), learning to read x-rays (radiologist), and dissecting and suturing (surgeon). This week will also involve a trip to an old operating theatre and apothecary in London.



Journalism

Location: On-site
Max no.: 20
Cost: Free

Ever wondered what it would be like to investigate and report on live events as they unfold? In this pathway, you will experience life as a journalist. You will have the opportunity to talk to a journalist and cover the other WLW pathways. Students will take part in a Twitter takeover and produce the Isleworthian newsletter for one week only.



Pathways

Life Skills Week



Location: On-site/local visits
Max no.: 20
Cost: £5

What about all those essential life skills you wished school taught you more about? Join us for a week to learn how to be successful in life beyond the classroom. You will become an expert in a range of practical skills, discover how to manage money successfully, and spend a day out in Boston Manor doing obstacle courses and resilience training.

Music Production



Location: On/off-site
Max no.: 20
Cost: Free

Interested in producing and performing music? Want to take part in a mini-music tour of local primary schools to perform with other Year 9 students? Over the five days, we will: develop skills to create a setlist; set up and engineer live sound and recording live sound; produce an original school song; and then perform live at some local primary schools.

Photography

Location: On/off-site
Max no.: 16
Cost: £10

You will take part in a combined art and photography week, looking at different techniques and exploring new skills. You will have the opportunity to visit Kew Gardens and a variety of architecturally interesting sites. Over the week, you will develop a portfolio of work using the medium of photography.



Sports Week

Location: On-site and London sports venues
Max no.: 20
Cost: £55

This activity will take in a mixture of sports-related activities both on-site and at sporting venues across London. Previous activities have included: cycling at the Velodrome, go karting, bowling, trampolining, beach volleyball, watching a test at Lords, and Top Golf.



Next Steps

Selecting a Pathway

- Parents/carers [complete this simple Activity Form](#).
- The form asks for three choices, in order of preference - students will be allocated one of these.
- This form must be completed by Wednesday 14 December (9.00am) at the latest.
- Please note to secure a DofE place, it must be your first choice.

Payments

- Further information will be issued by the member of staff leading the activity after choices are confirmed.
- The deadline for full payment of costs for all activities is **Monday 6 March 2023**.

Timescales

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022	Final deadline to complete WLW choices online.
FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023	WLW choices are confirmed, and payment details are issued.
MONDAY 6 MARCH 2023	Final payment for all activities must be made.



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