



CMI/SHN/RSA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that on **Wednesday 4 March**, students will take part in our **second Character Development Day of the academic year**. On this day, students will be **off timetable** and engaged in a range of carefully planned activities designed to support their personal growth and preparation for future success.

This spring term's Character Development programme centres on the themes of **resilience and decision-making**. With a focus on **integrity, emotional regulation, and personal accountability**, the day aims to empower students to think critically about the choices they make and the impact those choices have on themselves and others. Sessions are designed to build emotional strength and equip students with practical strategies for overcoming setbacks and standing up for what is right.

Year 7 – Young Enterprise Day

Year 7 students will take part in an exciting Young Enterprise Day focused on developing key employability and life skills. The day will include an Employability Masterclass and Launchpad sessions, during which students will complete an Employability Skills Audit to reflect on their strengths and areas for growth. They will explore the eight essential employability skills and identify personal development goals. Students will also be introduced to the concept of a personal brand, analysing how they present themselves and the image they project to others—an important step in building confidence and self-awareness.

In the afternoon, pupils will put their creativity and teamwork to the test in a Dragon's Den-style challenge, pitching ideas and demonstrating their entrepreneurial flair.

Year 8 – Teamwork and Resilience Challenge Day

Year 8 students will participate in a rich and varied programme of physical and mental challenges designed to develop teamwork, resilience, and communication skills. Through practical tasks, problem-solving activities, and collaborative challenges, students will strengthen their ability to work effectively with others, remain motivated under pressure, and communicate clearly and confidently.

The day will conclude with an engaging motivational talk focused on achieving positive outcomes, building self-belief, and taking ownership of personal growth, followed by a structured reflection session.

Year 8 students should attend school wearing their PE kit for the day.

Year 9 – Key Stage 4 Options Carousel

Year 9 students will take part in a carousel-style programme designed to help them explore the full range of options available as they move into Key Stage 4. Students will rotate through subject-led sessions, gaining insight into GCSE and vocational courses, the skills they will develop, and the future pathways linked to each subject.

This experience will allow students to ask questions, meet staff, and better understand their



strengths and interests, helping them feel confident and well-prepared to make informed decisions about their KS4 choices.

Year 10 – Personal Development and Careers Day

Year 10 students will take part in a split day focused on personal development and future readiness. Half of the year group will begin with a Humantopia workshop centred on confidence building, aspirations, and positive relationships, while the other half will participate in structured careers sessions, including mock interviews to develop communication skills and prepare for college, apprenticeship, and employment pathways. Students will swap activities at midday so that all pupils experience both elements of the programme, ensuring a balanced and enriching day that supports both character development and future ambitions.

Year 11 – Examination Preparation Bootcamps

Year 11 students will attend focused bootcamp sessions to support preparation for their upcoming examinations. Sessions will concentrate on key subjects including English, Maths, Science, History, Languages, and Design and Technology, helping students consolidate knowledge, refine exam techniques, and build confidence ahead of the examination period.

We look forward to a purposeful and inspiring day that supports our students in developing the skills, character, and confidence needed for both academic success and personal growth. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Milner
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