

Ref:PDE/sma/ACW

27 March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

During the last week of the school year all students will be off timetable and involved in a college based activities week from Monday 17 to Thursday 20 July. This is a reward for the hard work and effort shown over the course of the year. We are very proud of our Apollo Community and the theme for the week is 'Community Spirit'.

#### **Monday 17 July 2017**

Students will work together in their tutor groups to complete the 'It's a Knockout Challenge'. Students will develop their team building skills as they take on the inflatable obstacles on the school field and win points for their group. Students should wear casual clothing and footwear that can get wet. This event will go ahead whatever the weather. In fact, the wetter it is, the more fun it should be. Students will have an opportunity to display their skills in problem solving, decision making and collaboration. Students should bring a spare change of clothing for the end of the day.

#### **Tuesday 18 July 2017**

Apollo Sports Day at Dartford Harrier Athletics Club. A letter will be sent separately with the details of the day.

#### **Wednesday 19 July 2017**

Students will be based in school and will continue to compete in a range of activities that will test their communication skills, creative thinking and international mindedness and also win points for their tutor group.

#### **Thursday 20 July 2017**

All Apollo students will be offsite visiting a local attraction for the day. Students should arrive at the school by 8.30am and will be travelling by coach to their destination. Students should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a packed lunch and plenty of drink for the day. The venues will have places to buy food/drink if needed so they may bring a small amount of spending money with them. Please ensure that you make suitable arrangements for your child to get home safely.

The venues for the day are as follows:

**Howletts Wild Animal Park**- All of Year 7 and open to Years 8-10 This will give students a chance to see conservation techniques in action and the importance of preserving habitats. Students will leave at 8.45am and return approximately at 4pm

**Thorpe Park - Years 8 - 10.** This will give students the chance to experience the Science of roller-coasters and the importance of tourism around the world and also for those who enjoy theme parks and fast rides. Students will leave at 8.45am and return at approximately 6.30pm.

If you do not wish your child to participate in either of the school trips above please contact the Apollo Admin Office in the first instance to discuss an alternative plan or email [apollo-admin@wilmingtonacademy.org.uk](mailto:apollo-admin@wilmingtonacademy.org.uk).

**Friday 21 July 2017** is the last school day before the summer break. Students will be involved in the end of Year reward assemblies. A letter will be sent separately with the full details of the day.

The total cost will be £37 per student. This includes the transport costs, entrance fees and all resources for the week. Payment will need to be made via ParentPay by **Wednesday 3 May 2017**. If you do not have access to the internet then you will need to request a bar-coded letter from the Apollo Admin Office, to enable Paypoint payments. Please note that no payments can be made in school. Current legislation permits us to ask only for a voluntary contribution towards the cost. No student will be discriminated against on the grounds of inability to pay. However, if sufficient funds are not raised through contributions, then unfortunately the activities week will be cancelled.

This week is meant to be an exciting and rewarding end of school year for all students to enjoy. If your child's behaviour disrupts the learning or enjoyment of others they will be removed from the activities and the planned trips. No refund will be given as all places will have been pre booked and paid for in advance. Students with poor behaviour will be set work away from the activities of the day.

**Please return the attached reply slip and consent form to the Apollo Admin Office by Wednesday 3 May 2017.**

Yours faithfully



**Mr Devlin**  
**Head of College - Apollo**

**Please return to the Apollo College Admin Office**

**Apollo Activities Week: 17 - 21 July 2017**

My son/daughter: .....

Tutor Group:.....

Year:.....

**Thursday 20 July 2017 Trips Selection**

**Please select from the following:**

- I am a Year 7 student and will be going to Howletts Zoo
- I am a Year 8-10 student and would like to go to Howlett Zoo
- I am a Year 8-10 student and would like to go to Thorpe Park
- I have attached the consent form and payment has been made

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Signature Parent/Carer

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Date