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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week - Amaze Days - Monday 18 July - Friday 22 July 2022

I am writing to you as we begin to approach the final stretch of weeks before your child attends the Amaze Days trip as part of Challenge Week 2022, which will run between Monday 18 and Friday 22 July.

This letter is designed to provide you with a summary of the itinerary for each day of the Amaze Days week and other relevant information that may be useful prior to and during the week itself.

The itinerary for the week is as follows,

Monday 18 July

Depart 6am from Looe Academy by coach. Travel to West Midlands safari park. Afternoon departure to Premier Inn Hinkley hotel for evening meal and one night stop over.

Tuesday 19 July

Full English/continental breakfast Tuesday morning at the hotel before coach departure to Drayton Manor Theme Park. Afternoon departure from Drayton Manor Theme Park to return to Looe Academy for **approximately 9:30pm arrival**.

Wednesday 20 July

Depart 9am Looe Academy by coach to Woodlands Theme Park. Afternoon departure from Woodlands Theme Park to return to Looe Academy for **approximately 5pm arrival**.

Thursday 21 July

Depart 6am Looe Academy by coach to London. We will be heading straight to the Science Museum, before then travelling by tube and walking to Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Westminster. We will then check into Premier Inn Hotel Waterloo, before then travelling via tube to Victoria for our evening meal and our theatre show Wicked – The Musical. We will then return to our hotel via tube for our one night stop over at Premier Inn Hotel Waterloo.

Friday 22 July

After breakfast, we will then travel by coach to Thorpe Park for the day. Early evening departure from Thorpe Park to return to Looe Academy for **approximately 10:30pm arrival**.

Some other key/important messages for the students and yourselves are as follows,

Thorpe Park fast-track passes

It is strongly recommended that students who wish to ride the roller coasters at Thorpe Park, purchase a fast-track pass from the Thorpe Park website for the day we are there. This will significantly reduce their queuing time and allow them to maximise their day. There are differently priced passes available for a selection of budgets.

Food and mealtimes

Evening restaurant meals and morning breakfasts are included in the cost of the trip and will be provided during the hotel stays. Other than this, students will be expected to arrange their own lunch food/meals (packed lunch or money to buy food), snacks and drinks throughout the rest of the week.

Money

I have no plans to set a budget in terms of how much money the students can bring on each part of the trip, as I am sure this will be sensibly coordinated by each individual parent/carer respectively. When considering how much money to bring for each part of the trip, bear in mind that that the places that this could potentially be spent would be:

- During time spent in each of the individual parks and theatre
- At the motorway services for each coach stop off
- Opportunities to stop off at any London souvenir/memorabilia stalls

Clothing/other items

Clothing/dress code will be sensible casual and something for the coach journeys that the students will be comfortable in. I have stressed to the students that they should consider all weather conditions for the week, given how quickly our typical British summer weather can change. I have also highlighted that should students wish to go on the water rides at some of the theme parks, then they may wish to prepare for this also i.e. extra clothes and towels. The week having 2 one-night stop overs, was organised with the thinking that only a single overnight bag is required for each hotel stay. Students will need to also remember to bring a toiletry bag and consider an optional extra pillow if they wish.

Mobile phones

Students are permitted to bring and use a mobile phone during the week. Students will also be given a contact number to a staff mobile phone, should need they need to contact us when not directly supervised during the week.

Medical conditions

Although I will be in discussion with Mrs Johns (our school medical/first aid officer) prior to the trip commencing regarding any current student medical information, please can you also ensure that the school is contacted regarding any new student medical/allergy/dietary information that we are not already aware of from our records.

Student behaviour

Whilst I am fully hopeful that no such action would be required, the students have all been made fully aware that the highest of behaviour standards will be expected throughout the whole duration of the week, to ensure that all involved enjoy the best time possible. Please bear in mind that should this not be the case, and any warnings given are not adhered to, the student/s involved in any such behaviour may result in them being removed from the remainder of the trip. Your reiterating of this message to your child would be appreciated.

I am in full confidence that the Amaze Days week will be a hugely enjoyable week for all involved. The other trip staff and I will be meeting with the students during school time again to ensure that they are fully up to date and informed on all aspects of the week as we get closer to the trip itself. In the meantime, if you have queries, please contact me via email mdeacon@looeca.net.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

M Deacon

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Trip Leader