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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week 2022

At Looe Community Academy, we are extremely pleased to be able to offer students in Years 7, 8 and 9 the opportunity to take part in Challenge Week 2022.

Please do take a look at the Challenge Week booklet which can be found on the front page of our website and contains full details and the costs.

This week promises to be an action packed 5 days that celebrates our students' achievements and allows them to develop their personal learning and thinking skills. For 2022 we have provided the opportunity for students to experience a range of activities that may not be readily available to them during their usual timetabled lessons. Students can choose one of the fantastic residential experiences on offer, day trips or alternatively, they can enjoy the 'home programme' where they can opt for one of our 'challenge packages' that caters for a wide range of interests and budgets.

As your son or daughter will be selecting one package for the duration of Challenge Week, they should carefully consider the activities on offer and liaise with friends before signing up and paying a deposit. For non-residential activities, in accordance with current regulations, participation in those Challenge Week options that carry a cost is by voluntary contribution.

For residential activities, in accordance with current regulations, the full cost of board and lodgings will need to be paid. For students whose parents or carers are in receipt of certain benefits, board and lodgings may be remitted on production of suitable evidence. Other costs for residential visits will be by voluntary contribution. Full details can be found in our Charging and Remissions Policy, which is available on our website, but clearly if insufficient funds are raised through voluntary contribution, activities will not be able to take place.

Deposits and top-up payments can be paid via Parent Pay. Details about Parent Pay have been sent previously to you and, if required, login details can be resent for those parents that have not yet activated their account. Deposits should be paid by 6 December with top up payments made by the dates set out on Parent Pay. Parent Pay will open for deposits on 8am on 19 November. Activities will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Please note: we cannot predict at this range whether or how COVID might impact on activities in late July 2022, but we have started our COVID mitigation planning and have incorporated certain measures already, such as over-staffing residential trips and training additional staff in minibus driving and first aid.

We have developed contingency plans, although we hope not to have to use them. For example, if your child becomes symptomatic on a trip then you may need to collect them, as they will not be able to engage in activities, travel with the group or use public transport.

Now we have to wait until much closer to the time to make judgements on whether activities will proceed, but please be assured that we will make every effort to ensure a successful and safe experience for all.

Cancellation due to COVID is not covered in the school travel insurance policy, so taking out personal travel insurance might be something that you would wish to consider in case your child cannot attend.

Yours faithfully

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Challenge Week Coordinator