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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week 2023
Amaze Days

I hope that your child is looking forward to the Amaze Days trip during Challenge Week Monday 17 July to Friday 21 July 2023. As mentioned in the Challenge Week booklet, the group will be travelling by coaches and train to each of the venues. The coach/train departures and approximate arrival times to and from the Academy car park and Liskeard Train Station are as follows;

Monday 17 July

West Midlands Safari Park – Depart LCA car park 6am and overnight stay

Tuesday 18 July

Alton Towers – Arrive LCA car park 10:30pm

Wednesday 19 July

London – Meet Liskeard Train Station 6am and overnight stay

Thursday 20 July

London – Overnight stay

Friday 21 July

Thorpe Park – Arrive LCA car park 11pm

I recently met with the students to discuss some of the key information for the week. Some of the main highlighted points were as follows;

- Please ensure that each day you arrive in good time prior to the departure time as the coach and train will not be able to wait. Please also ensure prompt collection at the arrival back time where needed.
- Behaviour and conduct throughout the week must remain of the highest standards.
- Dress and pack appropriately for each day, taking into consideration the long duration of some of the activities and potential changeable weather conditions. Please also ensure that a packed lunch and/or additional money is brought for meals during the day. (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening meals provided, plus Tuesday, Thursday and Friday breakfasts).
- Students must ensure that they remain in their selected friendship groups at all times and apply the 'never alone' policy throughout the week.

- Students must ensure that each day they are aware of, and adhere, to all the 'meet back' times with staff at each venue.

London Tube travel

Please note that this year we are planning to adopt the use of students individually using either their own contactless bank card or 'Apple pay' to ride the London Tube, due to its cost effectiveness and efficiency. If your child has one of these two forms of payment option, please can you ensure that they bring this with them during our time in London and that there are sufficient funds in the account used. The cost of any of our tube travel during the week is price capped at £16.20 in total and the amount will be refunded to you via our Parent Pay system. If your child does not have any form of contactless payment to use during the week, please get in touch.

London Eye

Whilst we will still visit the London Eye for photo opportunities, I have decided to remove the ride aspect from our itinerary. I believe in doing this, it will allow our group the opportunity to gain more time and enjoyment from the other aspects of our jam packed itinerary during our London stay, whilst also gaining the opportunity to experience a similar 'birds eye' view of the London skyline, when we visit St Paul's cathedral and the dome walk part of this experience. The cost of the London Eye will instead be used for some lunch treats for the students on the day.

I would be grateful if you could just remind your child of the highlighted points closer to the time as a reminder and ensure that your ParentPay trip payments are up to date.

I am hopeful that a fantastic week will be had by all and that the students will maximise and benefit from each daily visit to the full.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Deacon
Amaze Days Trip Leader