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Dear Parent/Carer

Challenge Week 2023

Wet and Wild

Thank you for choosing this set of activities for your child to participate in for the 2023 Challenge Week. I wanted to put together a range of activities that are both fun and challenging for the students.

Each day the students should arrive in school at the normal time and we will be back at school for the normal time so that we can get the buses home. The students will meet in DT3 and registered and from there. Students should bring with them a packed lunch, wear suitable clothing for the activity, sun screen, a hat and a full water bottle. Pupil Premium students will have a packed lunch provided for them which they should collect from the canteen.

Monday 17 July

A trip to Plymouth to visit Player Ready Virtual Reality. This will be an immersive experience for the students where they can take part in a wide range VR experiences and games. Zombies, escape rooms and racing simulators are just a few of the options available. We will spend the whole day at the venue.

Tuesday 18 July

A trip to The Barn climbing centre near Tavistock. The students will spend the day at the centre. They will take part in bouldering and top rope climbing activities run by the qualified instructors at the centre. Students will need to wear loose comfortable clothing and a pair of old trainers. If students have their own climbing shoes, they are welcome to bring them.

Wednesday 19 July – Friday 21 July

We will be travelling and returning each day to the Mount Batten Watersports Centre, in Plymouth. The students will take part in a range of activities over the three days including; sailing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding. We will be on the water for the duration of the visit, so it important that students have a hat and sunscreen. The centre's qualified instructors will be running the activities. There are changing facilities and showers at the centre, which we will be sharing with students from other schools. All of the bags will be locked away after getting changed. Students should bring trainers with them that will get wet. Dry trainers should be worn and kept dry for the return journey. Wet suits, buoyancy aids and helmets are provided by the centre. If student's wish to bring their own wetsuit, buoyancy aids and wetsuit boots, that is absolutely fine.

If you have any questions regarding the week, then please don't hesitate to contact me at nclatworthy@looea.net

Finally, I am really looking forward to a week of activities that will challenge the students and that they will enjoy and remember.

Yours faithfully

Mr Clatworthy
Trip Leader