

## **Year 11 Parent Notes**

During an extra assembly this week Year 11 students watched an inspirational presentation from True Adventure. The expedition experience True Adventure offers and provides students with a wealth of new skills which they will find invaluable in school, at university and in the world of work.

We are very excited about the next expedition which will take place during the summer 2019 and will take the students on an expedition to Swaziland and Mozambique. What sets this apart from other school trips is that the students will have the added responsibility of fundraising and they will lead the expedition whilst in Swaziland and Mozambique. This fantastic opportunity will give the students to do something really unique that will make them stand out from the crowd.

Students have been given letters, inviting parents to an information evening on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm in the Meridian Dining Hall. Reply slips need to be returned to tutors as soon as possible if you wish to attend to find out more about True Adventure.

During tutor time this week I've had the opportunity to talk to some students and gather their views on their first impressions and experiences of what Year 11 feels like and how prepared they are for their winter exams. I will continue to discuss any issues arising and difficulties some individuals are experiencing and we will work together with the different departments to support and manage the workload of homework set and completion of tasks.

Year 11 Commendations will be held next week. There are more than 80 students invited to attend. The selection process included two important criteria: a/exceeding or achieving benchmarks across all subjects and b/approach to learning is 2 (good) or 1 (outstanding) across all subjects in the last progress report from Year 10.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask if you could continue to encourage your son/daughter to seek their sponsorship money for the sponsored walk. Money should be handed in to the Finance Office no later than Monday 30 October.

Best wishes for a very good weekend

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