



OXTED SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Flexible Curriculum Week **Monday 16 July to Friday 20 July 2018**

As part of our programme to provide an enriched and balanced curriculum, we will be running a range of activities between Monday 16 July and Friday 20 July 2018. During this time students will **not** follow their normal timetable, but instead follow a period of enrichment, which we call 'Flexible Curriculum Week'.

We have arranged a variety of trips and on-site activities to support your child's learning and provide an element of fun as they complete their first year at Oxted School. More information will come out as Flexible Curriculum Week gets closer, but this letter outlines the main trips and events which will be taking place.

On **Monday 16 July**, all Year 7 students will take part in a Day of Sport organised by the PE department.

On **Tuesday 17 July, Wednesday 18 July and Thursday 19 July**, students will have the opportunity to participate in a day trip to Boulogne. Letters about this trip have already been distributed and places are filling up fast. If your child is interested in this trip, please refer to the letter you have already received, or contact Miss Maclean (imaclean@oxtedschool.co.uk) for more information.

On **Tuesday 17 July, Wednesday 18 July and Thursday 19 July** students have the opportunity to visit Howletts Zoo where they will be able to explore a number of topics at the Zoo linking to their studies this year. Students will also receive a talk from the keepers at the Zoo and learn about animals and their habitat. **Places will be strictly limited to 96 students**, and places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. **We will be running this trip on three days so it is hoped most students will attend on one of the days.** In the cost of this trip is £23.

On **Tuesday 17 July, Wednesday 18 July and Thursday 19 July**, students will have the opportunity to visit the Sutton Life Centre to complete a range of activities and workshops organised by the centre. Students will be told which day they will be attending based on their other choices. **We will be running this trip on three days so it is hoped most students will attend on one of the days.** The cost of this trip is £20.

On **Tuesday 17 July and Wednesday 18 July**, students will have the opportunity to visit Thorpe Park where they will be given a talk by the staff and will have the opportunity to go on the rides. **Places will be strictly limited to 96 students** on both days and will also be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Again, students will be told which day they will be attending based on their other choices. The cost of this trip is £32.



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On **Thursday 19 July**, students can participate in a 'Film in a Day' activity at School, run by an outside organisation. Film Education will be bringing specialists into School to provide a series of workshops on topics such as: stage fighting, creating powerful camera shots and making your plot exciting. Students will then be given the opportunity to make a film of their own before it is reviewed by the experts at the end of the day. The cost of this trip is £18.

On **Friday 20 July**, on-site activities will be take place, before students are dismissed at 12.35pm.

In previous years, every student has taken part in the activities available and we would hope this will be the same again for this year.

Exact arrangements for each trip will be confirmed nearer the time, but for most trips, coaches will leave School at 8.45am from the coach park at the back of School and most trips will return between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. Some trips will need to leave earlier than this in order to get the full benefit of the arrangements. Parents/carers need to make arrangements for students' early departure and late return.

Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, **with payment of a deposit confirming your child's place**. Please note that due to limited spaces each day, it will not always be possible for your child to attend on the day they have chosen. **If there is a specific reason why your child needs to go on a particular day, please indicate this on the form.** We will confirm in due course, which activity students will be doing on individual days. However, students will need to bring a packed lunch and other snacks on the days they are off-site as we cannot guarantee there will be an opportunity to buy food on these visits. Students who receive free school meals will receive a packed lunch.

We would also advise you to check the weather forecast and ask that students come equipped with appropriate clothing and materials, such as sun cream, bottled water and perhaps rain jackets.

Payment should be made using the online payment system and your Tucasi log in. If you have not received your unique Pupil Link Code to set up your online account, please contact financesf@oxtedschool.co.uk to forward the details you require. Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the Finance letterbox by no later than **Monday 16 April 2018**.

Should it be difficult for you to pay the total cost in one amount, please feel free to pay in instalments with the final payment by **Monday 4 June 2018**. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs Francis (afrancis@oxtedschool.co.uk) in the Finance Office to discuss further.

I really recommend the participation of every child in Year 7.

Yours sincerely



Ms C Nicholls
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Please return to the Finance letterbox by Monday 16 April 2018

**Year 7 Flexible Curriculum Week
Monday 16 July – Friday 20 July 2018**

Student Name: Tutor Group:

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the following Flexible Curriculum Time activities. I accept responsibility for his/her safe journey home at the end of each event.

Howletts Zoo

- Tuesday 17 July
 - Wednesday 18 July
 - Thursday 19 July

 - I have made payment of £23.00 online
 - I am unable to make payment online and enclose payment of £23.00 (payable to Oxted School)
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Sutton Life Centre

- Tuesday 17 July
 - Wednesday 18 July
 - Thursday 19 July

 - I have made payment of £20.00 online
 - I am unable to make payment online and enclose payment of £20.00 (payable to Oxted School)
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Thorpe Park

- Tuesday 17 July
 - Wednesday 18 July

 - I have made payment of £32.00 online
 - I am unable to make payment online and enclose payment of £32.00 (payable to Oxted School)
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Film in a Day – Thursday 19 July

- I have made payment of £18.00 online
- I am unable to make payment online and enclose payment of £18.00 (payable to Oxted School)

- I agree/do not agree (delete as appropriate) to photographs being taken of my child during the activities to be used for the School website and newsletter
- I agree/do not agree (delete as appropriate) to my child participating on local visits to historic sites in Oxted during Flexible Curriculum week 2018.

Please note any medical conditions that we should be made aware of:

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Contact name and telephone number in case of emergency:

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Signature of Parent/Carer: Date: