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Mr T Evans,
Assistant Headteacher.

Friday, 4th February 2022

Year 10 Belonging Week 2022:

Dear Parents/Carer,

We are excited to provide you with details of our 'Learn, Lead & Serve' projects that Year 10 are invited to participate in during their Belonging Week. The Year 10 program takes place from the 23rd of May for five days. Each program is planned to support specific objectives and students are expected to choose from and rank their preferences based on their interests.

Year 10 drive their own journey and choose from a range of six projects that contribute to learning experiences, seizing opportunities to lead and looking to serve the local community in a range of meaningful ways.

Information about each of the six projects is provided below.

1. Cricket skills and coaching program:

A five-day program including; a trip to The Oval; a nets session with Surrey CC; skills sessions; Cricket Leadership program delivered with our partners Berkshire Cricket; a day coaching local primary school students and a day leading inter house cricket for Year 8.

- Indicative contributions including trip costs: £85 per student.

2. Canoe Leadership and expedition:

A five-day program including; a day of skills development with Cloud 9 adventures; a day of training for the FSRT; completion of the foundation safety and Rescue Test and a two day overnight canoeing expedition on the Thames. This week will develop students' skills both as a paddler and also in terms of safety skills and leadership.

- Indicative contributions including trip costs £245 including completion of 2-star paddling award, FSRT and all expedition costs including food.

3. Data-driven investing with Excel

A five-day program that will give you access to an array of skills that you will be able to use in ICT at school and beyond. The first two days will prepare you to gain a qualification in Excel, with options for programming. Great for your CV, for future careers and projects involving programming and managing finance and accounts. Skills learnt in online workshops will be applied as you build trading experience that will be used by junior students in their Electives in the

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summer term. We will also plan sessions for local primary school children and whilst these may not happen during Belonging Week it will be a valuable way to use skills learnt to serve the local community and inspire a new generation of tech wizards!

Indicative contributions including trip costs: £45 per student.

4. Football skills and coaching program:

A five-day program including; a trip to visit Spurs stadium in North London; a Sky Walk; 2 days of coaching and skills development and two days delivering football sessions to local primary schools through our Future Stories program.

Indicative contributions including trip costs: £115 per student.

5. Musical mayhem:

A five-day musical skills program incorporating; a workshop led by Garsington Opera, a Samba percussion workshop; a visit to The Lion King in London; an EDM production day and a day learning to record and mix with an external expert using Logic Pro X.

Indicative contributions including trip costs: £121 per student.

6. Rugby skills and coaching program:

A five-day program including; a trip to visit Twickenham; a coaching session with Harlequins; 2 days of coaching and skills development and two days delivering rugby sessions to local primary schools through our Future Stories program.

Indicative contributions including trip costs: £105 per student.

Next steps:

Our intention is to allocate places in each of the projects based on preference, and we hope to give as many students as possible their first choice. However, this may not be possible for all activities, dependant on demand and so we would ask for students to think carefully about at least two (if not three) programs, which they would be happy to contribute or to participate in.

Students will be sent a Microsoft Form link for completion by noon on Monday 14th February.

Places will be allocated and notification will be communicated by Friday 18th February.

A non-refundable deposit of £25 will then be due by Monday 28th of February to secure your son's place. Payment links will be sent via Evolve with two further instalments due on 28th March and 28th of April.

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Parental contributions are required to facilitate these Educational visits. Pupil Premium parents will be expected to pay the deposit only, with the balance of trip costs met by the schools Pupil Premium funds. We are keen to ensure that all students are able to participate; so if you or your family are experiencing hardship of any nature, please contact Mr T. Evans (TEvans@reading-school.co.uk) in confidence to discuss how we might support your child.

The Code of Conduct for Educational Visits will be shared in due course and must be adhered to both before and during the visit.

You will appreciate that the school has no control over the activity venue, coach operator and other organisations involved. By reserving a place on the trip, you and your son accept that the School has no responsibility for the default of the tour operators or other organisations and that in the event of an Act of God or any other circumstance whether involving health and safety, security, behaviour or otherwise, the School can in its discretion curtail, cancel or revise the tour at any time without recompense.

NB. All of these trips are covered by our insurance with RPA. COVID related cancellations are fully refundable.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at tevens@reading-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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