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Year 10 Belonging Week 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to provide you with details of the 'Learn – Lead – Serve' projects that Year 10 are invited to participate in during their Belonging Week. The Year 10 program takes place from 22 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, choose from a range of six projects and contribute to learning experiences, seize opportunities to lead and look to serve the local community in a range of meaningful ways.

This year's program includes: Cricket, Canoeing, Science, Football, Music and Rugby and all are outlined below:

- ***Cricket skills and coaching program: Indicative contributions including trip costs: £90 per student.***

A five-day program including a Cricket Leadership program delivered with our partners Berkshire Cricket, a day coaching local primary school students and delivering a tournament and a day leading inter house cricket for Year 8. They will also take part in a trip, probably to the Oval, but the venue is TBC.

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

A five-day program including a day of skills development with Cloud 9 adventures, a day of training for the FSRT and completion of the foundation safety and Rescue Test and a three-day, two-night canoeing expedition on the Thames. The week will develop students' skills both as a paddler, but also in terms of safety skills and leadership and they will be given the opportunity to support our Future Stories water sports program, running with primary schools in the summer term.

- **Future Stories Science: No cost**

Funded by Johnson Matthey, our students will spend their week delivering science sessions to local primary schools and supporting young people from a range of backgrounds access a range of practical scientific activities. Students will be involved in the planning and delivery of sessions and will spend most of the week with primary school students in a hands-on and practical fashion.

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- **Football skills and coaching program:** Indicative contributions including trip costs: £115 per student.

A five-day program including a trip to visit Spurs stadium in North London and a 'sky walk'. Students will all complete the FA Level 1 coaching award, and then spend two days delivering football sessions to local primary schools through our Future Stories program.

- **Music:** Indicative contributions including trip costs: £115 per student.

A five-day musical skills program incorporating a range of workshops such as 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. Students will also be leading groups of primary school students and supporting them in preparing for a concert.

- **Rugby skills and coaching program:** Indicative contributions including trip costs: £115 per student.

A five-day program, likely to include a visit to Twickenham and a coaching session with Harlequins. Two days of coaching and skills development and two days delivering rugby sessions to local primary schools through our Future Stories program.

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 their choices and to rank **all** of the programs offered in order of preference.

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Places will be allocated and notification will be communicated by Friday 10 March. A non-refundable deposit of £50 will then be due by Friday 17 March to secure your child's place. Payment links will be sent via Evolve with two further instalments due on 17 April and 15 May.

Parental contributions are required in order to facilitate these educational visits. Pupil Premium parents will be expected to pay the deposit only, spread across three instalments with the balance of trip costs met by the school's Pupil Premium funds. We are keen to ensure that all students are able to participate; if you or your family are experiencing hardship of any nature, please contact Mr T. Evans by emailing tevans@reading-school.co.uk in confidence to discuss how we might support your child.

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We apologise for the tight deadline for request for payment on the above trip, which enables us to secure bookings and coach transport.

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 activity, you and your child 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 Mr T Evans by emailing tevans@reading-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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