



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: Year 8 Wider Horizons Week**

We are planning a fun-filled week of learning activities that is designed to enhance your son's educational experiences, broaden their horizons and develop their 'cultural capital'.

Normal lessons will be suspended from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** so that pupils can participate in a mixture of in-depth subject specific learning, external companies visiting the school, educational trips out of school, workshops, etc.

The Wider Horizons Week is designed to enhance the core curriculum provision for priority subjects. The sessions planned are essential for pupils to understand the world around them and help them to develop into responsible citizens and 'leaders of good influence'.

Group 1 – Will be Form Groups GTA (Gabriel, Teresa, Alban)

Group 2 – Will be Form Groups CFB (Campion, Francis, Beckett)

### **The Year 8 activities are:**

- MONDAY:**
- Group 1 (GTA): (extra-curricular trip AM)**  
HarroWall Climbing Centre
  - Group 2 (CFB): (in school AM)**  
Drone Flying, Computer Science, STEM Learning  
(Pupils will then rotate and complete the other activity during the PM)
- TUESDAY:**
- Forensic Science Labs (ALL pupils in school)**  
Complete scientific investigations to solve the crime
- WEDNESDAY:**
- Culture Day (P1-3 – ALL pupils in school)**
  - Summer Fair Preparation (P4+5)**
  - Summer Fair 3:30-5:30pm (Parents and families welcome)**
- THURSDAY:**
- Group 1 (GTA): (extra-curricular trip)**  
Duke of Edinburgh preparation hike and outdoor activities
  - Group 2 (CFB): (extra-curricular trip)**  
Ninja Warriors - Watford
- FRIDAY:**
- Group 1 (GTA): (extra-curricular trip)**  
Ninja Warriors - Watford
  - Group 2 (CFB): (extra-curricular trip)**  
Duke of Edinburgh preparation hike and outdoor activities

Pupils should arrive promptly, on or before the recommended time of **8:30am**, so that registration and commencement of activities can **begin without delay**. Pupils will complete their day at the usual time of **3:10pm**. Please note that this might be slightly earlier/later for trips out of school due to unforeseen circumstances. We will advise staff remaining in school of any changes. Pupils can contact parents via the phone in student services if required.

Full school uniform should be worn to and from school, as always, and correctly throughout each day. Pupils can wear their PE kit to, during, and from school on Monday, Thursday and Friday.



Pupils who have a meal provided for them will continue to do so. This will be a packed lunch for external trip days, or an in-school meal as normal. Pupils who do not have a meal provided for them will need to either have a packed lunch from home, for days out of school, or they can continue to purchase a meal in school, when on-site.

A place has already been reserved for all of your son's planned Year 8 activities. To help meet the cost of these activities we are requesting Parents/Carers contribute.

**Payment of £34 should be made by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.** Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding or Free School Meals, will have a reduced contribution of £1. Parents/Guardians can log in via the website [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), where the payment for Wider Horizons Week will be visible. If you have any payment queries, please contact Mr Quilty, from Student Services. For all other queries you should contact the Head of Year.

Payments **MUST** be made through the Parent Pay Portal as this is your '**permission slip**' for your son to participate in the activities on offer.

**By making the payment you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions associated with the Wider Horizons Week:**

**You grant permission for your son:**

- to attend the trip / participate in the in-school activities.
- to receive medical treatment in an emergency situation if you cannot be contacted.

**You confirm that:**

- your son's medical and contact details, held by the school are up to date, and that you will inform us of any changes to these details between now and the activity date.
- You will ensure any medication eg asthma pump/auto injector/sun screen etc, is supplied and carried by your son. (Additional medication should be handed to the trip leader)
- you understand that if your son's behaviour in school gives cause for concern then he may be withdrawn from the trip/activity, and that any payments will not be refunded.
- pupils are expected to follow the school Behaviour Policy at all times whilst representing the school.

The Wider Horizons Week was a great success last year and I hope this year will be even better. It is a fantastic opportunity to come together and celebrate what Salvatorian College and the wider community can offer.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. D Cooper**  
**Deputy Headteacher**