

September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Immersion Days

At Heanor Gate Science College we are committed to providing an effective and enjoyable learning experience for our students. In addition to the hour long lessons, where students follow the curriculum in order to make steady progress, we are delivering 4 immersion days where more in-depth learning can occur over a longer period of time.

On an immersion day the school timetable will cease, so participating in the immersion day will take the place of attending normal lessons. No learning will be missed as normal lessons will not run; everyone in school will be participating in an immersion day where deep learning can take place in the time slots that are not limited to one hour.

Key Stage 4 immersion days will give in-depth learning experiences to enhance outcomes at GCSE for all students.

Year 11 will be participating in the following activities on immersion days this year:

Wednesday 12 October – English and maths mock exams

The following immersion day plans are provisional at the moment, but will give you an idea of the themes we will be offering:

Tuesday 24 January – Science ISA day, the science team will be leading students through the compulsory element of the science GCSE course. All students will complete their ISA to a high standard on this day.

Thursday 4 May – Walking talking mock day, the core subjects will be leading students through a series of WTM. Students will be issued with the same exam paper on leaving the WTM so that they can attempt the questions again at home without guidance.

Closer to the time, we will be getting in touch again with details about the activities and trips, hopefully this letter will help you with planning for the year.

Yours sincerely



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