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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 daily hour long lessons, where students follow the curriculum in order to make steady progress, we are delivering four immersion days throughout the year where more in-depth learning can occur over a longer period of time.

On an immersion day students will be participating in deep learning rather than their regular timetabled lessons. All students will be taking part and, as such, there will be no timetabled classes and therefore no learning will be lost. School will start and finish at the same time as usual and everyone is expected to attend punctually.

Key Stage 3 immersion days will focus on Ebacc subjects as well as giving opportunities to investigate the option subjects in more depth too.

Year 9 will be participating in the following activities on immersion days this year:

Wednesday 12 October – Physical education and performing arts workshops. There will be a menu to choose from for students to experience two elements of physical education and performing arts in greater depth in advance of pathway choices. More detailed information will be given out in tutor time but students will be expected to bring full PE kit.

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 – Sex and relationships workshops half day, and design, technical and visual arts workshops half day. Essential SRE workshops touching on themes that the students may come across now or later in life. Taster sessions in the DTVA subjects to inform pathway choices.

Thursday 4 May – Maths problem solving day. Building on the success of year 5 and year 7 maths days this will be a day where students apply their maths skills to problem solve in real life situations.

Tuesday 11 July – MFL/computing and business day. An opportunity to look at these subjects in action, with a view to experiencing these subjects in the world of work.

We will be in touch closer to the time with more specific details on each activity and look forward to seeing year 9s take full advantage of these opportunities.

Yours sincerely



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