

Dear Parent/Guardian

Date: 05/10/2018

Re: Drop Down Day 1 – 9th October 2018

I am writing to you to inform you of the first Drop Down Day of the 2018/19 academic year which will be held on Tuesday 9th October. Stratford School Academy hold five Drop Down Days a year which provide pupils with the opportunity to focus on and extend a particular aspect of learning from the curriculum and experience the learning in ways that cannot be provided within the traditional school day.

Below is a brief overview of what each year group will be doing as part of our first Drop Down Day on **Tuesday 9th October**:

Year 7 – French Immersion Experience – Lead: Ms Saidou

The Modern Foreign Languages department have arranged for Year 7 to spend the day exploring the French language. Pupils will see a visiting French theatre company and work with their languages teachers to produce some scripted dialogue in style of the speaking element of the GCSE exam.

Year 8 – Geography Field Trip – Lead: Mr Leach

The History and Geography team will be conducting a field trip in the style of the GCSE exam requirements. Pupils will be exploring steps taken to stop flooding in London, visiting sites along the River Thames. Pupils must bring the following items with them:

- A pen, pencil, rubber and pencil sharpener
- Full school uniform (including school shoes)
- A black waterproof coat/jacket
- A packed lunch (pupils who receive a Free School Meal will be provided with a lunch)

Year 9 – Christian Denominations Exploration – Lead: Mr Madigan

The Religious Education department will be taking year 9 pupils to two different Churches to explore the different Christian denominations in more detail. They will also be involved in a workshop, delivered by Faith in Action, which will explain how some Christians put their faith into action.

Year 10 – Biology, Chemistry and Physics – Leads: Ms Goddard, Ms Sultana, Ms Bhunjun

Pupils in Year 10 will work across the Science Faculty, extending their exploration of specific elements within Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The focus of the day will be the pupils' GCSE practical examinations.

Year 11 – Revision Kick Starter – Lead: Ms Murali

The focus of the day is 'Active Revision' and pupils will leave with a clear understanding of how they should revise. As well as this, author Dave Smith will be presenting a session focusing on overcoming the fear of Q5 descriptive writing in the GCSE English Language exam.

On the day your child will arrive to school as normal before 08:35 in full school uniform. They will begin the day registering in their registration group before beginning the Drop Down Day.

Yours sincerely,



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