St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Dear Parent /Guardian,

As part of our Immersion day programme for the whole-school, Year 9 have a range of enhancement opportunities in this autumn term on <u>Thursday 1st December 2016</u>. Outlined below are the trips and activities from which your child will need to select <u>ONE</u> from as part of the offered programme.

HISTORY TRIP TO PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARDS

The reason this venue has been chosen is to give students a taste of the naval history and traditions of this country. This is something that will add to students' understanding of Britain's history and its place in the world. The visit itself will consist of a visit to the Mary Rose Museum. The museum provides one of the most significant insights into Tudor life in the world. The Tudor ship, when she was raised from the seabed in 1982 is the only sixteenth century warship on display in the world. The museum built around her reunites her with many of her 19,000 artefacts and crew. The second attraction that we will visit is Action Stations. This allows students to experience life in the modern Royal Navy. Students will also be able experience a mixture of physical challenges, simulators and technological experiments. They will see one of the largest climbing towers in Europe and be able to battle with the Royal Marines, command a warship or fly a helicopter. In the Action Stations zone there are a further 27 interactive activities for students to try. We will leave school at 9am and hope to return by 3.30. School uniform must be worn.

The cost of this trip is £18.50 and there are 50 spaces available.

PE TRIP TO WEMBLEY STADIUM

This trip organised by the PE department will include:

- Sensing the history in the England Dressing Rooms
- Taking the England Manager's hot-seat in the Press Room
- Taking photographs from some of the best views in the stadium
- Experiencing the tension of the Players Tunnel
- Going pitch-side and witness the hallowed Wembley turf
- Getting your hands on the Emirates FA Cup*
- Enjoying the 1966 Exhibition celebrating the Golden Jubilee of England's World Cup victory in 1966

We will be leaving school at 9am and hope to return by 3.30. School uniform must be worn.

The cost of this trip is £30 which includes travel by coach and entry to the stadium. There are 30 places available.

DANCE TRIP TO LABAN CONSERVATOIRE

Students will be taken to Laban Conservatoire of Dance in London by school minibus. They will have a two hour technical workshop, a tour of the professional dance school watching current degree students working. They will also have a talk regarding the Centre of advance training scheme that students can audition for. This trip is recommended to students who would be considering taking GCSE Dance as a KS4 option. There are limited spaces available and this will be on a first come first serve basis.

The cost of this trip is £27.00 which includes travel and insurance. There are limited places.

ART TRIP TO TATE MODERN

The Visit to the Tate Modern will be by train to London's most exciting free Art exhibition. This trip is ideal for all students considering Art as a GCSE in Year 10 and those who want to find out more about both modern and traditional Art. The trip will involve some sketchwork and studies based on a range of selected studies from the Tate.

The cost of this trip is £9.00 which includes travel by train and insurance. There are 25 places available.

PERFORMING ARTS- MUSICAL IN A DAY

Students will spend the day creating, rehearsing and performing their own musical. They will be writing their own storyline and then devising the entire performance, using existing songs to enhance their story. This activity would be particularly appropriate for students considering drama and music for GCSE, or for anyone who has a love for musical theatre.

This activity is free of charge although places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please give your name to Student Services to be added to the activity.

All payments should be made via ParentPay and places will be allocated on <u>a first-come first-served basis</u>. If you are unable to pay online, please call the school and ask for a PayPoint letter to pay in a store. The costing for all of the trips includes insurance and transport. Students going out of school for the day should bring a packed lunch or money for lunch if it is available. Students on Free School Meals will have a packed lunch provided.

If there are any trips that you wish your child to be considered for but are concerned about the cost or ability to pay please contact Mrs Maria Thrower in the strictest confidence.

For students who do not opt for any of the activities above, there will be limited provision in school and students will spend the day following a variety of IT, computing, design and technology based activities. Yours Sincerely

Rob Marr.

Deputy Headteacher.